REDELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FROM THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR FISHERIES DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

TYPE OF ACTION:	Add	<u>X</u>	Change: _		Abolish:	
SOURCE OF AUTHORITY AND DEI	EGATIO	NS·		•		

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.; Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations codified at 40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508; and NOAA Administrative Order 216-6A, Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Executive Orders 12114, Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions; 11988 and 13690, Floodplain Management; and 11990, Protection of Wetlands, dated April 22, 2016

To Secretary of Commerce: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.

To NOAA Administrator: DOO 10-15 § 3; DAO 216-6 §§ 3.01, 3.02, App. A To AA for Fisheries: NOAA Transmittal No. 61 section II; NAO 216-6A § 4.04

AUTHORITY DELEGATED TO:

Office Directors, Regional Administrators, Science Center Directors, and only in certain circumstances specified below, Deputy Office Directors, Deputy Regional Administrators, Deputy Science Center Directors, Division Chiefs, Assistant Regional Administrators, or Science Center Division Chiefs

TYPE OF AUTHORITY:

Administrative

AUTHORITY TO DO WHAT:

Where the approval authority for a proposed action has been delegated from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, the Office Directors (ODs), Regional Administrators (RAs), and Science Center Directors (SCDs) are delegated authority to determine the necessity for NEPA analysis; determine the level and type of NEPA document; document and prepare NMFS categorical exclusion memoranda (CEs), Environmental Assessments (EAs), Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSIs). adoption memoranda, notices of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), supplemental information reports (SIRs), NEPA Compliance Evaluation Memos, and EISs, both draft and final; ensure the NEPA process is fully and effectively conducted1; sign CEs and FONSIs; and sign Records of Decision (RODs). In cases where the approval authority for a proposed action has been redelegated from an OD, RA, or SCD, the Deputy OD, RA, or SCD, or the Division Chief, Assistant RA, or Science Center Division Chief assigned the approval authority is delegated the authority to document, prepare, and sign a CE for that action. The authorities specified above may be redelegated, in whole or in part, to one or more designees in cases where the designee has also been delegated the approval authority for the proposed action. Any such redelegation must be made in writing and must be approved by the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, the Chief, General Counsel,

¹ Delegates are required to follow quality assurance and quality control processes in place to ensure NEPA compliance.

Fisheries and Protected Resources Section, and the appropriate Office Director, Regional Administrator, or Science Center Director and published as a NOAA Circular.

RESERVED AUTHORITY:

Authority to sign Records of Decision for Environmental Impact Statements, except in cases where the approval authority for the proposed action has been delegated from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, in which case, the delegate may sign the ROD.

EFFECT ON OTHER DELEGATIONS: This delegation supersedes the delegations contained in NMFS Policy Directive 30-131, titled Delegation of Authorities for Completing NEPA Documents, issued March 5, 2007, and renewed August 2014.

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