

loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000, or the single family maximum mortgage limit for affected programs, whichever is greater, and;

4. Anti-Lobbying Disclosure. Any applicant that has been paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR Part 28, Appendix B.

5. Lower Tier Certifications. Recipients shall require applicants/bidders for subgrants, contracts, subcontracts, or other lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and disclosure form, SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be transmitted to NIST. SF-LLL submitted by an tier recipients or subrecipient should be submitted to NIST in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

Name Check Reviews: All for-profit and non-profit applicants will be subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associated with the applicant have been convicted of or are presently facing, criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management honesty or financial integrity.

False Statements: Applicants are reminded that a false statement may be grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by fine or imprisonment.

Delinquent Federal Debts: No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either:

1. The delinquent account is paid in full;
2. A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or,
3. Other arrangements satisfactorily to DoC are made.

No Obligation for Future Funding: If an application is accepted for funding, DoC has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with that award. Renewal of an award, increased funding, or extending the period of performance is at the total discretion of NIST.

Federal Policies & Procedures: Recipients and subrecipients under the Fire Research Grants Program are subject to all applicable Federal laws and Federal and Department policies,

regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards. The Fire Research Grant Program does not directly affect any state or local government. Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Purchase of American-Made Equipment and Products: Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the greatest extent practicable, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided under this program.

Indirect Costs: The total dollar amount of the indirect costs proposed in an application under this program must not exceed the indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency prior to the proposed effective date of the award or 100 percent of the total proposed direct cost dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

Executive Order 12866: This funding notice has been determined to be "not significant" for purposes of E.O. 12866.

Dated: March 27, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,  
Associate Director.

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### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Weakfish; Interstate Fishery Management Plan

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of determination of compliance; cancellation of moratorium.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act of 1993 (Act), NOAA announces the cancellation of the planned Federal moratorium on weakfish in the coastal waters of Maryland that would have become effective on April 15, 1996. The intent to impose the moratorium was cancelled upon notification to the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) that Maryland is in compliance with the provisions of the Commission's Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for weakfish, and after NOAA determined that the State of Maryland is now in compliance.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The determination to impose the moratorium is cancelled on March 29, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard H. Schaefer, Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, NMFS, 301-713-2334.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On February 20, 1996, the Secretary published a notice in the Federal Register (61 FR 6351) that the State of Maryland was not in compliance with the Commission's FMP for weakfish. The notice document declared a moratorium on fishing for this species in the State waters of Maryland, effective April 15, 1996, if the State of Maryland was not in compliance by April 1, 1996. Details were provided in the February 20, 1996, Federal Register notice and are not repeated here.

The Act specifies that, if, after a moratorium is declared, the Secretary is notified by the Commission that it is withdrawing the determination of noncompliance, the Secretary shall immediately determine whether the State is in compliance with the applicable plan(s). If the State is in compliance, the moratorium shall be cancelled.

#### Activities Pursuant to the Act

On March 6, 1996, the Secretary received a letter (dated March 5, 1996) from the Commission stating that the State of Maryland had now implemented regulations for the weakfish fishery which meet the provisions of the Commission's FMP, and, therefore, the Commission was withdrawing its determination of noncompliance.

#### Cancellation of Moratorium

Based on the Commission's March 5, 1996, letter, and information received from the State of Maryland and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, NOAA has determined that Maryland is now in compliance with the Commission's FMP for weakfish. Accordingly, the declaration of a moratorium on Maryland is cancelled.

Dated: March 29, 1996.

Gary Matlock,

Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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