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Michael Luisi
Chair
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
Via email: michael.luisi@maryland.gov

Cc: Catherine McCall
Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO) Management Board
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
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Dear Mr. Luisi:

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO), as the Regional Ocean Partnership, would like to invite the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council to engage in continued regional ocean coordination and collaboration efforts and respectively request your assistance in this effort. As per Sections 2 (g) and 5 of the *Executive Order Regarding the Ocean Policy to Advance the Economic, Security and Environmental Interests of the United States*, and priorities that have been advanced by MARCO as a Regional Ocean Partnership, MARCO looks forward to continued engagement and collaboration on ocean-related matters. Areas of interest include continued support and resources provided by federal agencies in collection and organization of data for use by all on the MARCO portal and improved coordination on federal and state interests and activities in the Mid-Atlantic Ocean.

We look forward to more information regarding appropriate points of contact from the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council as we advance this work. MARCO's points of contact on regional ocean coordination and collaboration include:

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We look forward to working with you and other members of the Council and Council staff as we advance this important regional discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate K. Morrison".

Kate Morrison
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Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO)