

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
AND THE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
CONCERNING
EXCHANGE OF PERSONNEL TO FACILITATE INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

7/85

1. PURPOSE: To support and encourage the exchange of personnel between the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to facilitate better interagency coordination and cooperation.

2. BACKGROUND:

a. Coastal areas of the United States are highly developed. Over fifty percent of the nation's population and associated homes, industry, and support facilities are located within fifty miles of the coast. Developmental trends within the coastal area are expected to continue, particularly those developments related to meeting seashore-related recreation and retirement home demands, and water-borne commerce needs. The Corps has broad authority in the coastal area to address shore erosion, hurricane flood protection, and navigation problems and opportunities. The Corps also regulates private and public development activities in waters of the United States, and performs work for other DOD elements, Federal and state agencies, and local governments beyond its traditional water resources development responsibilities.

b. Coastal areas, particularly estuaries, are highly productive and play an important role in maintaining fish and wildlife populations of national significance. Approximately seventy percent of commercial and recreation (sport) fish species use coastal estuaries during all or part of their life history. Combined, these fishery resources annually contribute approximately \$20 billion to the GNP. Also, several species of fish and wildlife listed, or proposed for listing, on the Federal endangered species list depend on coastal habitats for survival. To address these concerns the NMFS has been given primary responsibility for the conservation, management, and development of living resources and for the protection of certain marine mammals and endangered species under numerous Federal laws. The NMFS also has responsibilities to the U.S. commercial and recreational fishing industry.

3. PROCEDURES: The NMFS and Corps have many areas of interest and concern relative to coastal resources and development. To increase mutual understanding of each agency's programs, and to facilitate closer interagency coordination and cooperation, the Corps and NMFS agree to the exchange of personnel consistent with the provisions set forth below:

a. Corps and NMFS:

(1) The detail of NMFS and Corps employees will be processed in increments not to exceed one year.

(2) An addendum to this agreement will be prepared for each exchange providing:

(a) the name of the supervisor to whom they will report;

(b) a position description to the other agency for the

detail of their employee; and,

(c) funding arrangements for detailee's authorized official travel while on assignment.

(3) Employees detailed from NMFS or the Corps will be continued to be paid by their respective agency.

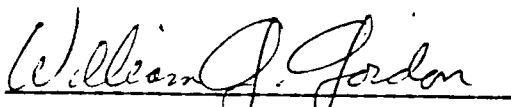
(4) The Corps and NMFS agree that either party may withdraw from the agreement after 30 days from the time of submitting a letter to the other agency citing cause.

b. NMFS:

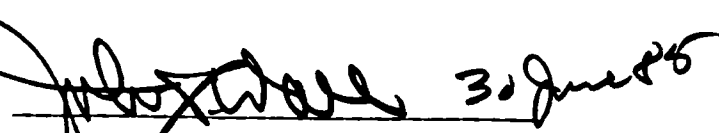
Details to and from the Department of Commerce under this MOA are subject to the approval of the Director of Personnel of DOC.

c. Corps:

Details to the NMFS under this MOA are subject to the approval of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) or his designee.


WILLIAM G. GORDON
Assistant Administrator
for Fisheries

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

29 JUL 1985

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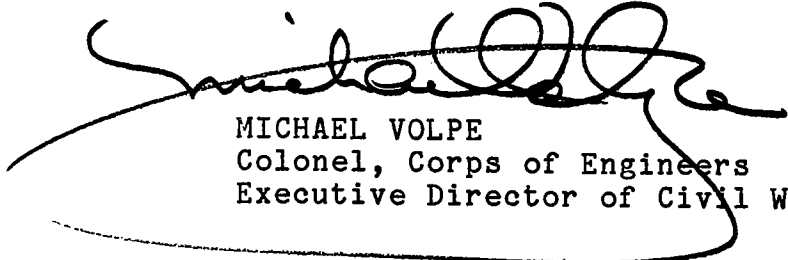
SUBJECT: NMFS and Corps Interagency Cooperation Activities

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1. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers have many areas of common interest and concern relative to coastal resources and development. To increase mutual understanding of each agency's programs, and to facilitate closer interagency coordination and cooperation, the Corps and NMFS have agreed to the exchange of personnel consistent with the enclosed MOA.
2. The NMFS and the Corps have also been exploring the possibility of an initiative for the creation and/or restoration of coastal fishery habitats, consistent with Fisheries Management Programs. We have agreed to provide assistance to NMFS within our current authorities and programs. Exactly how this cooperative effort is to be accomplished nationwide remains to be worked out. Therefore, both agencies are considering the feasibility of initiating a field-level pilot project/test to work out institutional arrangements necessary to perform successful nationwide fishery habitat creation and/or restoration initiatives. NMFS and Corps field offices may be requested in the near future to work together to nominate candidate sites and projects for inclusion in the pilot test.
3. Mr. Phillip C. Pierce, DAEN-CWP-P, (202) 272-0133, should be contacted if you have questions pertaining to the above topics.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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MICHAEL VOLPE
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Executive Director of Civil Works

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