



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Alan Risenhoover, Director
Office of Sustainable Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, 14th Floor
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Alan:

The information on aquaculture presented at the February CCC meeting was very interesting and indicates that the Administration is very serious about moving forward to expand and integrate aquaculture into the fisheries business community. The Councils are uniquely situated to develop the process and procedures for aquaculture in Federal waters in an open and transparent manner. The Council has identified EFH, EFH-HAPCs, Coral HAPCs, MPAs, SMZs, Spawning SMZs, and Allowable Fishing Zones to protect important resources while allowing fishing. Where aquaculture ventures choose to operate can have serious impacts to fishing operations and habitat.

With that in mind, the South Atlantic Council is interested in developing an Aquaculture Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for our area of jurisdiction. As you know well, our current resources in terms of funding and staffing preclude this effort. Recognizing that funding is available for aquaculture and that NMFS is currently considering aquaculture-related needs, we wanted to provide you with our request for funding to hire a temporary staff person for 3 years to work with the Council, States, and NMFS to develop an Aquaculture FMP for Federal waters.

The budget shown below outlines the costs for salary, benefits, equipment, office, overhead, and the following activities:

1. Scoping – in person; 3 scoping meetings in NC, 2 in SC (1 in Charleston), 2 in GA, and 3 in FL; cost in year 1
2. AP Input – use existing species and Habitat APs at their regular meetings but add ½ day to agenda for aquaculture; cost in years 1, 2 and 3
3. Public Hearings – in person; 3 public hearings in NC, 2 in SC (1 in Charleston), 2 in GA, and 3 in FL; cost in year 3
4. Staff attendance at AP, SSC, and Council meetings; years 1-3
5. Other travel – 6 trips (3 day/2 nights) in years 1-3; figure half flying to DC and half driving in our region

Please feel free to contact Gregg Waugh of the Council staff if there are any other questions or if you need any additional information.

Still digging,



Charlie Phillips, Chair
South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

cc: Council Members and Staff
Jack McGovern and Rick DeVictor
Monica Smit-Brunello

PROPOSED BUDGET TO DEVELOP SAFMC AQUACULTURE FMP:

<u>Year 1</u>		<u>Year 2</u>		<u>Year 3</u>	
Salary	\$75,000	Salary	\$77,250	Salary	\$79,567
Benefits*	\$26,100	Benefits*	\$27,200	Benefits*	\$28,000
Travel**	\$15,586	Travel**	\$12,561	Travel**	\$18,703
Supplies	\$4,000	Supplies	\$250	Supplies	\$250
Meeting		Meeting		Meeting	
Room	\$1,800	Room	\$0	Room	\$2,070
Overhead	<u>\$24,497</u>	Overhead	<u>\$23,452</u>	Overhead	<u>\$25,718</u>
Total	\$146,983	Total	\$140,713	Total	\$154,308
Grand Total				Grand Total	\$442,004

*Retirement, FICA, Health, Leave Acct., Life, LTC, STD, LTD
based on single insurances and leave accrual at year-3 values

**AP, SSC, Council, PH, Other