



Gulf of Mexico  
Fishery  
Management  
Council

June 3, 2009

Mr. Alan Risenhoover  
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Office of Sustainable Fisheries  
1315 East-West Highway, SSMC3  
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Dear Alan:

Thank you again for your participation at our Council Coordination Committee meeting in Boston. One of our agenda items was "Legislation and Regulation Updates" where the Councils discussed the National Standard 2 guidelines.

The Councils would like additional opportunity to comment on changes to the proposed rule (*Federal Register* Vol. 74, No. 58, March 27, 2009) and ask that NMFS extend the deadline for accepting comments to November 1, 2009 from the current deadline of July 6, 2009.

This extension would enable all the Councils to provide your office with more thorough comments on suggested changes based on discussions at upcoming Council meetings.

Thank you for considering this request. If you have any questions, please call Paul Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council.

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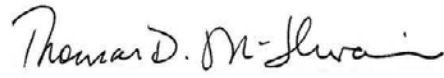
Sincerely,

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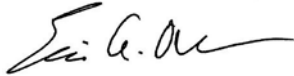
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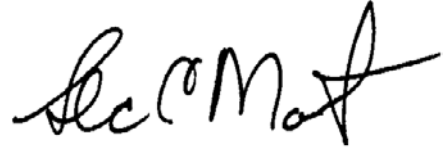
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