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May 8, 2015

Ms. Janet Cowell, Treasurer
The Department of State Treasurer
325 North Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27603-1385

Dear Ms. Cowell:

Session Law 2005-455, Senate Bill 1126 established the Coastal Recreational Fishing License. This Legislation establishes both the Marine Resources Endowment Fund (G.S. 113-175.5) and the Marine Resources Fund (G.S. 113-175.1). The revenues from these funds can only be disbursed with the approval of the chair of the Marine Fisheries Commission.

This will serve as notification of disbursements approved by the Marine Fisheries Commission. Monies have been approved to be disbursed from the Marine Resources Fund with the following listing showing the specific project and budget approved by the Marine Fisheries Commission, with consultation of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

<u>Project Title</u>	<u>FY 2015-16 Funding</u>
Mark Recapture Study Cape Fear River Striped Bass	\$10,035
Sources of Mortality and Movements of Weakfish	\$122,110
NC Red Drum Cooperative Tagging Program	\$13,000
Assessing Anadromous Fishes Using Telemetry	\$147,878
Mortality of Southern Flounder	\$136,697
Carcass Collection Program	\$7,750
NC Multispecies Tagging Program	\$106,619
Stock Structure of Spotted Seatrout	\$114,060
Ferry Mon: NC DOT Based Automated Monitoring	\$149,944

SAV Mapping Along Southern NC Coast

\$7,000

Vandemere Waterfront Park Initiative

\$333,334

Total

\$1,148,427

Jeannie Betts, Controller for N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, will process these disbursements from the cash available in the fund. The Division of Marine Fisheries assigned coordinator for these projects is Wayne Johannessen and can be reached at 252-808-8004 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Sammy Corbett, Chairman
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission

cc: Mercidee Benton, OSBM Budget Analyst
Louis Daniel, DMF Director
Terah Councilman, DENR Senior Budget Analyst
Jeannie Betts, DENR Controller