

NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING
BOSTON, MA
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Marine Industry Panel

Mr. David Goethel

1. Please pinpoint inconsistencies and conflicts in marine-related regulations and statutes.

Dear Sirs:

In regards to inconsistencies in the sustainable fisheries Act, I am submitting letters signed by highranking Congressmen on point three of my concerns with existing policies. (Have Congress rank the national standards) I will forward these letters via fax.

On point one of my concerns with existing policies, I am submitting a paper prepared by Mr. Tom Nies of the New England Fisheries Management Council staff on the inconsistencies in Amendment 9 to the Groundfish plan which is the principal document running New England Fisheries today. (Make sure overfishing definitions are standardized and workable. We need to have consistent biological thresholds so that management goals don't bounce all over the place.) Please refer to the faxed document. I suggest you refer to sections 1.1 and 1.1.1 in your discussions. I can provide the entire document if you wish but it is quite lengthy.

I am not familiar enough with other fisheries laws such as the Endangered Species Act or Marine Mammal Protection Act to be able to offer guidance in these areas. I hope the documents provided will suffice because they are reasonably brief and on point. If I may be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

David T. Goethel