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MEMORANDUM

TO: Paul Diodati, Director, MA Division of Marine Fisheries

DATE: February 9, 2011

SUBJECT: Individual Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit/License Reciprocity Agreement

Pursuant to Chapter 20-2.2 of the RI General Laws, a person may lawfully fish recreationally in the marine waters of Rhode Island if he or she holds a valid recreational fishing license or registration (or permit) issued by an exempted state that affords reciprocity to Rhode Island residents who hold a valid Rhode Island Recreational Saltwater Fishing License. In accordance with Massachusetts' status as an exempted state, as determined by *NOAA Fisheries*, and in accordance with the reciprocity policy set forth in your memorandum dated February 3, 2011, to wit:

An individual, who is not a resident of Massachusetts, holding a valid Rhode Island Recreational Saltwater Fishing License may engage in lawful recreational fishing activities from land or waters under the jurisdiction of [the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries] without holding a Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit.

I hereby acknowledge that a reciprocal policy pertaining to all holders of Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permits is in effect in Rhode Island. To wit:

An individual holding a valid Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit may engage in lawful recreational fishing activities from land or water in the marine waters of the State of Rhode Island without holding a Rhode Island Recreational Saltwater Fishing License.

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