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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