



August 6, 2015

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan
Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and
NOAA Administrator

FROM: Andrew Katsaros
Principal Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Audit of the NOAA Fisheries Finance Program

We are initiating an audit of the NOAA Fisheries Finance Program. Our objective is to evaluate the program's effectiveness and management controls, including those related to compliance and loan monitoring.

We have scheduled an entrance conference with your organization on August 13, 2015, at which time we will discuss our objectives in more detail. If you have any questions regarding this audit please contact Richard L. Bachman, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, at (202) 482-2877 or David Sheppard, Seattle Regional Inspector General for Audit, at (206) 220-7970.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this audit.