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MEMORANDUM FOR: Eileen Sobeck
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries

FROM: Andrew Katsaros
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SUBJECT: Audit of the National Marine Fisheries Service's Observer Program

We are initiating an audit of the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) Observer Program. Our objective will be to understand how effectively NMFS has evaluated fishery monitoring options, innovations, and methods. As part of this audit, we will assess NMFS' compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

We look forward to meeting with your team to discuss the audit's scope and methodology. In the meantime, if you have any questions about this audit, please contact me at (202) 482-7859 or Ken Stagner, Regional Inspector General for Audit, Denver Regional Office, at (303) 312-7650. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.