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**MEMORANDUM FOR:**

Dr. Jane Lubchenco  
Under Secretary of Commerce  
for Oceans and Atmosphere  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**FROM:**

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for Audit and Evaluation

**SUBJECT:**

Review the Status of NOAA's Efforts to Improve Fisheries  
Enforcement Programs and Operations

As part of the work we outlined in our FY 2011 audit and evaluation plan, we will conduct a review of the efforts NOAA is making to improve its fisheries enforcement programs and operations as a result of our January and September 2010 reports (OIG-19887 and OIG-19887-2). Our review will analyze NOAA's progress in implementing the corrective actions it planned in response to our reports, and will determine whether the actions NOAA has already taken have been effective. Our review will consist of interviews, observations, an examination of established or proposed policies and processes, and a detailed analysis of evidence supporting NOAA's corrective actions.

We will contact the audit liaison to arrange an entrance conference. Should you have any questions, please call me at (202) 482-2754, or David Sheppard, Regional Inspector General, at (206) 220-4714.

cc: Mack Cato, Director, Audit, Internal Control, and  
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