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POLICY ON RFA AND RIR REVIEW PROCESS
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Regional Administrators
Office Directors

FROM: Rolland A. Schmitten
Assistant Administrator
for Fisheries

SUBJECT: Policy on Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Review Process

On November 18, 1996, a memorandum (attached) was sent to you on the policy that all Regulatory Impact Reviews (RIR) should be reviewed and cleared by at least one qualified economist at the Regional level. At the recommendation of the Regulatory Effectiveness Board, this policy is being expanded to include the review and clearance of all Regulatory Flexibility Analyses (RFA) by at least one qualified economist at the Regional level. In addition, the economist who reviews and clears the RIR and/or the RFA is to be available to address questions regarding clearance.

Attachment

THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
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The Regulatory Effectiveness Charter Team recommended, and the Transition Board (Board) approved in June 1995, the policy that all Regulatory Impact Reviews (RIRs) should be reviewed and cleared by at least one qualified economist at the Regional level. Because this policy has been approved by the Board, it is incumbent upon the Regional Administrators to implement it, and, upon request, to present documentation that each RIR has been reviewed and cleared by a qualified economist.