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Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Office of Inspector General  
1401 Constitution Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Inspector General Zinser:

This letter follows earlier correspondence pertaining to our scheduled meeting of March 28, 2011. In addition to discussing your oversight of NOAA's enforcement program, as well as other matters raised in our respective correspondence, it would be helpful to have the following information available to discuss:

- A statistical comparison of NOAA's civil regulatory enforcement versus criminal enforcement by region for the last 5 years;
- NOAA's future criminal enforcement priorities.

In addition to those United States Attorneys listed in earlier correspondence, Jean Williams, Deputy Assistant Attorney General (ENRD), will be in attendance.

We look forward to the opportunity meeting with you.

Sincerely,

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cc. Dr. Jane Lubchenco, Undersecretary, NOAA  
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