

National Marine Fisheries Service
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 EXHIBIT*

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Information Analysis & Dissemination	20,821	21,403	20,400	-1,003	-421
Computer hardware and software	3,487	3,500	750	-2,750	-2,737
Total, Info Analysis & Dissemination	24,308	24,903	21,150	-3,753	-3,158
Total, Info Collection & Analyses	200,127	183,501	172,968	-10,533	-27,159
Conservation and Management Operations Fisheries Management Programs	38,432	40,325	34,680	-5,645	-3,752
Coral Reefs		5,000		-5,000	0
Fisheries Habitat Restoration	2,000	4,000	2,000	-2,000	0
NE Fisheries Management	5,834	11,980	6,000	-5,980	166
Norton Sound Fisheries Failure (transfer from USDA)		5,000	5,000	0	5,000
Cooperative Research & Mgmt Activities in the NE (transfer from USDA)		15,000	15,000	0	15,000
Columbia River hatcheries	11,962	15,212	12,055	-3,157	93
Columbia River endangered species studies	287	288	288	0	1
Regional councils	13,100	13,100	13,150	50	60
International fisheries commissions	398	400	400	0	2
Management of George's Bank	476	478	478	0	2
Pacific tuna management	2,291	1,250	1,250	0	-1,041
Total, Fisheries Mgmt Programs	74,780	112,033	90,301	-21,732	15,521
Protected Species Management	6,123	8,988	6,950	-2,038	827
Driftnet Act Implementation	3,419	3,278	3,278	0	-141
Marine Mammal Protection Act	7,554	7,225	7,225	0	-329
Endangered Species Act recovery plan	43,155	55,450	42,800	-12,650	-355
Dolphin encirclement studies	3,287	3,300	3,300	0	13
Native Marine Mammals	878	700	200	-500	-678
Observers/training	2,450	4,500	4,500	0	2,050
Total, Protected Species Mgmt	66,866	83,441	68,253	-15,188	1,387
Habitat Conservation	9,165	11,079	9,200	-1,979	35
Enforcement and Surveillance	17,882	22,354	17,950	-4,404	68
Total, Conservation and Mgmt Oper	168,693	228,907	185,704	-43,203	17,011

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State and Industry Assistance Programs					
Grants to States					
Interjurisdictional fisheries grants	2,590	2,590	2,590	0	0
Anadromous grants	2,092	2,100	2,100	0	8
Interstate fish commissions	7,164	4,000	7,750	3,750	586
Total, Grants to States	11,846	8,690	12,440	3,750	594
Fisheries Development Program					
Product quality and safety	9,342	8,328	8,328	0	-1,014
Hawaii fisheries development	693			0	-693
Total, Fisheries Development Prog	10,035	8,328	8,328	0	-1,707
Total, State & Industry Assist Prog	21,881	17,018	20,768	3,750	-1,113
Acquisition of Data	25,844	25,944	25,943	-1	99
Total, NMFS (with Acquisition of Data)	416,545	455,370	405,383	-49,987	-11,162
Total, NMFS (W/O Acquisition of Data)	390,701	429,426	379,440	-49,986	-11,261

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NMFS Non-ORF Accounts					
Fisheries Finance, Program Account	340	6,628	238	-6,390	-102
Fishermen's Contingency Fund	949	951	951	0	2
Foreign Fishing Observer Fund	188	191	189	-2	1
Fisheries Promotional Fund	-1,223			0	1,223
Promote & Develop Fisheries	1,921	1,921	1,921	0	0
Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Account	58,000	100,000	58,000	-42,000	0
Pacific Salmon Treaty		60,000		-60,000	0
Fisheries Assistance Fund	0	10,000		-10,000	0
Total, Non-ORF	60,175	179,591	61,299	-118,392	1,124
Total, NMFS (ORF & Non-ORF)	476,720	635,061	466,682	-168,379	-10,038

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<u>Procurement, Acquisition and Construction (PAC)</u>					
<u>Other Construction</u>					
Alaska Facilities Fisheries Center (Juneau)	9,086	1,000	-	-1,000	-9,066
[Juneau]	[747]	(1,000)			
[Ship Creek]	(3,235)				
[SeaLife Center]	(5,084)			0	-1,387
N.Y. Botanical Gardens	1,387			-4,600	0
LaJolla Coastal Bluff Stabilization Project		4,600			
Subtotal	10,453	5,600	0	-5,600	-10,453
<u>Fleet Replacement</u>					
New Fisheries Research Vessels (FRVs)	51,371	8,300		-8,300	-51,371
ADVENTUROUS		8,000		-8,000	0
Subtotal	51,371	16,300	0	-16,300	-51,371
Total, PAC	61,824	21,900	0	-21,900	-61,824
<u>Facilities</u>					
Columbia River facilities	3,352	0	-	0	-3,352
Total, ALL	541,896	656,961	466,682	-190,279	-75,214
<u>Promote and Develop Fisheries</u>					
Transfer from Dept. of Agriculture	69,921	69,921	69,921		0
Transfer to ORF	68,000	68,000	68,000		0
Available for S-K	1,921	1,921	1,921		0

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Information Collection & Analyses	106,827	101,989	100,100	-1,889	-8,727
Resource Information					
Antarctic research	1,229	1,200	1,200	0	-29
Chesapeake Bay studies	1,883	1,500	2,390	890	507
Right whale research	0	200	0	-200	0
MARFIN	2,722	2,750	2,500	-250	-222
SEAMAP	1,195	1,200	1,200	0	5
Alaskan groundfish surveys	879	661	661	0	-218
Bering Sea pollock research	941	945	945	0	4
West Coast groundfish	817	780	820	40	3
New England stock depletion	996	1,000	1,000	0	4
Hawaii stock management plan	462		500	500	38
Yukon River chinook salmon	1,160	700	0	-700	-1,160
Atlantic salmon research	707	710	710	0	3
Gulf of Maine groundfish survey	565	567	567	0	2
Dolphin/Yellowfin tuna research	249	250	250	0	1
Pacific salmon treaty program	17,270	10,587	5,587	-5,000	-11,683
Hawaiian monk seals	747	500	500	0	-247
Steller sea lion recovery plan	3,777	1,440	1,440	0	-2,337
Hawaiian sea turtles	284	248	248	0	-36
Bluefish/striped bass	996		1,000	1,000	4
Halibut/Sablefish	1,195	1,200	1,200	0	5
Total, Resources Information	144,901	128,427	122,818	-5,609	-22,083
Fishery Industry Information					
Fish statistics	12,951	18,871	13,000	-5,871	49
Alaska groundfish monitoring	5,314	5,200	5,200	0	-114
PACFIN catch effort data	2,989	3,000	4,700	1,700	1,711
AKFIN	2,491			0	-2,491
GULF FIN Data Collection Effort	3,686		3,000	3,000	-686
Recreational fishery harvest monitoring	3,487	3,100	3,100	0	-387
Total, Fishery Industry Information	30,918	30,171	29,000	-1,171	-1,918

Marine Sanctuary Program.—The Committee has included \$22,500,000 for the National Marine Sanctuary Program, the same level as provided in current year with the exception of a one-time only project, and \$9,500,000 below the request. The current year level is an increase of \$8,700,000 above fiscal year 1999 levels, provided to enhance the operations of the 12 existing marine sanctuaries. The Committee recommendation does not include funding for additional marine sanctuaries.

In addition, the recommendation includes \$500,000 for the activities of the Northwest Straits Citizens Advisory Commission, the same amount provided in fiscal year 2000. The Commission was established to provide an ecosystem focus on the marine resources in the area, mobilize science and support marine resource committees, and establish a forum for coordination and consensus building, in lieu of Federal designation of the area as a Marine Sanctuary. The Committee believes that such a consensus-based approach is an innovative and novel way to promote marine conservation, the goal of the Marine Sanctuary Program.

Further, the Committee continues to believe that NOAA should redouble its efforts to pursue revenue enhancement initiatives and explore other voluntary, innovative means to identify partners and raise additional resources for the sanctuaries. In addition, the bill includes language, carried in previous years, allowing the collection of user fees for the sanctuaries.

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

The Committee has provided a total of \$405,383,000 for the programs of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), as compared to \$421,726,000 provided in fiscal year 2000 and \$455,369,000 as requested. The Committee notes that for the fifth consecutive year, the budget request includes a proposal for new fishery fees, a proposal repeatedly rejected by the Congress. Therefore, in light of the unrealistic funding mechanisms proposed in the budget to finance increases, the Committee has prioritized to provide the necessary resources to support NMFS programs.

The Committee's actions reflect the fact that the key to building sustainable fisheries lies in the ability to accurately assess the status of the stock. Early assessment enables more accurate and timely decisions by managers of the resource to ensure continued viability of the resource. Thus the Committee has placed highest priority on, and provided increases for, programs and activities which ensure that NMFS and its resource management partners have access to the necessary information to make fishery management decisions.

Resource Information.—The Committee recommendation includes \$100,100,000 for this activity, which is \$8,248,000 below the amount provided in fiscal year 2000, and \$1,888,000 below the request. Of this amount \$86,000,000 is provided for base programs for stock assessments and surveys. The Committee includes a total of \$4,250,000 for stock assessments and research for the west coast groundfish fisheries, an increase of \$2,000,000 over the current year level. In addition, the Committee provides funding to continue both the aquatic resources environmental initiative and MarMAP at the current level. The Committee also expects NMFS to continue the collaborative multi-regional biological research on highly migra-

toy species of sharks by providing necessary management of the highly migratory shark fishery and conservation of imminently threatened shark fishery resources.

Sea Turtle Protection.—The Committee expects NMFS to continue to improve its activities in the area of protecting, recovering and improving beach monitoring of the southeastern sea turtles. The committee directs NMFS to provide not less than the amount provided in fiscal year 2000 for continuing those activities.

Atlantic Bluefish/Striped Bass.—The Committee recommendation includes \$1,000,000 in funding under Resource Information for the ongoing program under the Cooperative Education Marine Research program to study the decline of nearshore Atlantic bluefish stocks and striped bass population monitoring.

PACFIN/catch effort data.—The Committee has provided \$4,700,000 for this activity, an increase of \$1,700,000 above the request, and the same level as provided in fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

REFIN.—The Committee provides \$3,100,000 for this activity and expects that the programs for the West Coast, Atlantic States, and Gulf States shall each receive one-third of these funds. Funding for any supplemental region-specific projects is to be derived from the overall "Fish Statistics" line item.

GutFIN.—The Committee has provided \$3,000,000 to continue a data collection and analysis program for fisheries catch and stock assessment data in both the commercial and recreational areas of the Gulf of Mexico.

Computer Hardware and Software.—The recommendation includes \$750,000, a reduction of \$2,750,000 below the fiscal year 2000 level and the request. In fiscal year 2000, the Committee included \$750,000 for development of catch reporting software in conjunction with West Coast States and Alaska which will allow electronic reporting of fish ticket information in a manner compatible with systems utilized by the various regulatory and monitoring agencies. The Committee is aware that this catch reporting software has not been developed, nor has this issue been addressed to date. Last year, the Committee was informed that NMFS was using funds to develop their own computer software, rather than seeking readily available software. The Committee has deferred funding for the base program until NMFS can assure the Committee that this issue has been resolved.

Fisheries Management Programs.—The recommendation includes \$34,680,000 for this activity, \$4,360,000 below fiscal year 2000, and \$5,645,000 below the request. Within this amount, the Committee recommends \$500,000 to continue addressing inter-tidal and other restoration activities for blue back herring, striped bass, and other species.

Columbia River Hatcheries.—The recommendation includes \$12,055,000 for Columbia River Hatcheries operations and maintenance, and the mass marking function within the NMFS line equal to the current year and the base request. The recommendation does not include the proposal to move funding for Columbia River hatchery facilities from the Facilities heading of the NOAA budget to NMFS, but maintains funding for facilities under the Facilities heading.

New England Fisheries Management.—The recommendation includes \$6,000,000 to implement rebuilding plans developed for fisheries as required by Magnuson-Stevens Act and to allow for cooperative research programs. In addition, \$15,000,000 is included by transfer to respond to fisheries failures in the Northeast multispecies fisheries.

Facilities.—Funding of \$4,000,000 is for NMFS facilities maintenance, an increase of \$400,000 from current year level.

Protected Species Management.—The recommendation includes an additional \$250,000 to supplement base funding for the investigation and recommended follow-on activities relating to the impact of California sea lions and harbor seals on the West Coast, and \$750,000 for bottle-nose dolphins in the Southeast.

Right Whales.—The Committee expects NMFS to continue its right whale research and to focus on much needed gear modification research. The Committee is concerned that strikes by large vessels have resulted in right whale fatalities. The Committee directs NMFS to work with the Coast Guard and the Department of the Navy to reduce the strikes in whale habitat areas. The Committee recommendation provides \$4,300,000 for research, \$200,000 above the current year, and the same as the budget request. The Committee expects NMFS to fund: gear modification research; early warning surveys and acoustic studies; reproductive research; habitat monitoring and population studies and tagging studies, at least at the current year level.

Interstate Fish Commissions.—The recommendation includes \$7,750,000 for interstate fish commissions, an increase of \$3,750,000 above the request, and the same amount provided in fiscal year 2000. The Committee directs that \$750,000 be provided to the three interstate commissions, with the remaining funds to be provided for implementation of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act.

The Committee expects NOAA to maintain as a priority under the Saltonstall-Kennedy grant program proposals for research and education efforts directed at the protection of high-risk consumers from naturally occurring bacteria associated with raw molluscan shellfish. Specifically, the Committee expects continuation of ongoing efforts to address concerns associated with *Vibrio vulnificus*.

OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH

The Committee has provided a total of \$264,561,000 for the Oceanic and Atmospheric Research Programs of NOAA, instead of \$302,510,000 as requested. The Committee recommendation includes the following amounts for basic laboratory research and support under Oceanic and Atmospheric Research:

Climate and Air Quality Research and Atmospheric Programs.—The Committee has included \$12,900,000 for the base Interannual and Seasonal Climate research program, the full amount of the base program as funded in fiscal year 2000 and as requested. The recommendation also includes \$61,000,000 for the base Climate and Global Change program, \$2,000,000 below the level provided in fiscal year 2000 and \$4,095,000 below the request. Of this amount, not less than \$17,000,000 is for the International Research Institute and related regional application centers programs, which is the fiscal year 2000 level. The Committee recommendation be-

lieves OAR's priority should be placed on short and medium term climate forecasting, such as the El Nino and La Nina phenomena, and that these activities should be increased to the maximum extent possible, and offset by reductions in lower priority programs which are not core NOAA mission requirements and are duplicative of other Federal agency programs, including the social science-related economic and human dimensions assessments.

The recommendation also includes \$29,409,000 for Long-term Climate and Air Quality Research, \$391,000 below fiscal year 2000 and \$1,116,000 below the request. In addition, \$35,850,000 is provided for the base Weather research program, the same level as in fiscal year 2000, with the exception of one project.

Marine Prediction Research.—The recommendation includes a total of \$19,725,000 for this activity in fiscal year 2001. Within the total provided, the Committee has provided \$8,875,000 for the base Marine Prediction Research program, the same level as the current year, \$1,450,000 to continue the Ocean Services activity, which was transferred from NOS to OAR in fiscal year 1999, and \$1,650,000 to continue the Arctic Research Initiative. In addition, within this amount, the Committee has also provided \$1,650,000 for continued implementation of the National Invasive Species Act, including \$850,000 to continue the ballast water demonstration program. Funding is also provided to continue the aquatic ecosystems initiative and the VENTS program at their fiscal year 2000 levels.

GLERL.—The Committee has included \$7,125,000 for the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, \$1,040,000 above the request and \$300,000 above the amount provided in fiscal year 2000. The Committee has continued funding for GLERL within OAR, given the other Great Lakes-related programs contained in this line office. Should NOAA propose to consolidate all related programs into one line office, the Committee would be willing to consider such a transfer in accordance with the direction included under the National Ocean Service.

Sea Grant.—The Committee recommendation includes \$61,280,000 for the Sea Grant program, an increase of \$2,000,000 above the budget request and the current year level. Within this amount, \$3,000,000 is included for zebra mussel research in accordance with the Non-Indigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act; \$3,000,000 is for oyster disease research, including \$1,000,000 to continue the Gulf of Mexico initiative on oyster-related human health risks; and \$1,000,000 is provided for pfiesteria and related research.

The Committee has provided no funding for the undersea research program and no funding for the Global Learning Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) program.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

The Committee recommendation includes a total of \$621,726,000 for the National Weather Service for fiscal year 2001, which is \$17,856,000 above fiscal year 2000, and \$13,146,000 below the request. Additional amounts for NWS are provided under Facilities Maintenance, and within the Procurement, Acquisition and Construction account to support NWS systems modernization and facilities requirements. The Committee recommendation realigns weather forecasting office maintenance and weather radio trans-

mitters under the operations and research line, but does not realign the radiosonde replacement from the facilities maintenance line. The recommendation includes funding for central computer upgrade activities under the Procurement, Acquisition and Construction account.

Local Warnings and Forecasts.—The Committee recommendation provides \$459,252,000 for Local Warnings and Forecasts, an increase of \$15,365,000 over fiscal year 2000, and a decrease of \$7,219,000 below the request. In comparison to requested amounts, the recommendation provides \$3,000,000 of the requested \$4,790,000 for labor cost increases, and \$1,650,000 to maintain the existing suite of data buoys and coastal marine automated stations, as requested. Further, the recommendation includes \$3,000,000 to expand the NOAA weather radio program, as requested, including \$500,000 to increase the coverage in Illinois; \$100,000 for Melba, Mississippi, and \$77,000 for Mason, Kentucky and such funds as necessary for Northeastern Minnesota.

Other Operations and Research Program.—The recommendation provides \$1,250,000 for the Susquehanna River Basin flood system; \$35,596,000 for Aviation Forecasts, the same as the request and current year level; \$1,000,000 for the Advanced Hydrological Prediction Program; and \$3,250,000 for Weather Forecast Office maintenance costs.

AWIPS/NOAA Port.—The recommendation includes \$32,150,000 for the operations of the AWIPS system, which has been fully installed. This is the same amount as provided in fiscal year 2000, and \$6,492,000 below the request.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SATELLITE, DATA AND INFORMATION SERVICE

The recommendation includes \$106,585,000 for the operational and research and development programs of the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS), a decrease of \$4,500,000 below fiscal year 2000 and \$1,616,000 below the request.

Environmental Data Management Systems.—The Committee has provided a total of \$55,785,000 for this account, a decrease of \$10,996,000 below the request and an increase of \$2,000,000 above the current level. The amount provides \$500,000 for cooperative network modernization; and \$5,500,000 above the current level for climate database modernization and utilization.

The recommendation includes \$2,750,000 for continuation of the Regional Climate Centers program, which was proposed for elimination. Also, the recommendation provides \$500,000 above the current year level for base operations of Environmental Data Management Systems, which is intended to enhance the operations of the National Climatic Data Center. Further, the Committee recognizes the value of NOAA climate data centers as the U.S. repository for historical environmental data and encourages the Administration to ensure that adequate funding is requested to maintain these centers.

PROGRAM SUPPORT

The Comm. has included \$58,094,000 for Program Support. Included in total is \$31,850,000 for Central Administrative

Support and \$11,000,000 for aircraft services. Funding is provided for the Commerce Automated Management System (CAMS) under the Procurement, Acquisition, and Construction heading.

FLEET MAINTENANCE AND PLANNING

The recommendation includes \$7,000,000 for this activity, a decrease of \$2,294,000 below the request, and \$6,243,000 below the amount provided in fiscal year 2000. The recommendation provides sufficient funding for routine maintenance of the existing NOAA fleet. No funds are provided to modernize the existing fleet, initiate major repairs to extend the life of a vessel, or purchase new equipment to upgrade an existing vessel.

FACILITIES

The Committee recommendation includes \$11,015,000 for facilities maintenance, lease costs, and environmental compliance, which is \$9,000 below the amount provided for fiscal year 2000 and \$437,000 below the request. Of the amounts provided: \$1,800,000 is for NOAA facilities maintenance, \$2,000,000 is for environmental compliance activities, \$3,365,000 is for Columbia River facilities maintenance, and \$3,850,000 is for Boulder Facilities Operations.

The Committee provides the same level of funding provided in the current year, but remains concerned about the GSA rental rate for the facility in Boulder, Colorado. The Committee understands that GSA is charging NOAA a rental rate that is far in excess of a normal market approach to value. This distresses the Committee greatly, as the Committee provided approximately \$14,000,000 for above-standard costs over a period of several years during the construction of the facility, only to find that NOAA is being asked to pay what has been determined to be excessive rental rates. GSA is apparently setting the rental rate to achieve an 8 percent return on investment, and this is apparently the first building to which GSA has applied that standard. The Committee encourages the Department of Commerce and GSA to arrive at a lower and more reasonable rental rate. The Committee expects the Department of Commerce to provide a report to the Committee on this situation by August 15, 2000.

PROCUREMENT, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION

The recommendation includes \$564,656,000 in fiscal year 2001 for this account, a decrease of \$31,411,000 below the current level, and \$70,566,000 below the request. The recommendation does not include an advance appropriation of \$6,417,495,000 for fiscal years 2002-2019, as requested in the budget. This account funds capital assets acquisition activities, including systems acquisition and new construction. The following distribution reflects the activities funded within this account:

CAMS	\$4,500,000
AWIPS	16,000,000
ASOS	3,855,000
NEXRAD	8,280,000
Computer Facilities Upgrades	11,100,000
Polar Spacecraft and Launching	206,965,000
Geostationary Spacecraft and Launching	200,824,000
Radiosonde Replacement	30,000
GFDL Supercomputer	10,000

FISHERMEN'S CONTINGENCY FUND

The Committee recommends \$951,000 for the Fishermen's Contingency Fund, the full amount requested, and \$2,000 less than current year.

The Fishermen's Contingency Fund provides compensation to U.S. fishermen for damage or loss of fishing gear and any resulting loss because of natural or manmade obstructions related to oil and gas exploration, development, and production on the Outer Continental Shelf.

FOREIGN FISHING OBSERVER FUND

The Committee recommends \$189,000 for the Foreign Fishing Observer Fund for fiscal year 2001, an amount equal to the current year level and \$2,000 below the request.

Fees paid into the Fund are collected from owners and operators of certain foreign fishing vessels that fish within the United States Fishery Conservation Zone and are intended to be used by the Secretary of Commerce to finance the cost of placing United States observers aboard such fishing vessels.

FISHERIES FINANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The Committee recommends \$238,000 in subsidy amounts for the Fisheries Finance Program account, \$100,000 below the fiscal year 2000 level due to the discontinuation of certain special programs. The budget request included the following: an increase of \$1,928,000 for Fisheries Finance Program administrative costs; \$513,000 for a new 1 1/2% loan program; \$2,000,000 for industry funded buyback loans; \$1,000,000 in a subsidy loan program for mariculture/aquaculture systems; and \$950,000 for the Individual Fishery Quota (IFQ) program. The recommendation does not include funding for any of these expanded programs and provides funding at the current year level. In addition, language carried in previous years is continued prohibiting loans under this account from being made to purchase any new vessel that would increase the harvesting capacity of any U.S. fishery.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The Committee recommends \$31,392,000 for the Commerce Department's Salaries and Expenses appropriation for fiscal year 2001, the same amount available in fiscal year 2000 and a decrease of \$948,000 below the budget request. If additional funds are required, transfers under section 205 can be proposed for reprogramming. In addition, the Committee does not recommend a separate appropriation for security, and maintains funding for Department of Commerce bureaus within their respective budgets. Further, the recommendation does not include a separate appropriation for funding to create a new telecommunications structure for the Department.

The Committee recommendation does not include appropriations requested under the Census Bureau to supplement funding requested by the General Services Administration (GSA) for architectural and design work related to the renovation of the Suitland fa-

Evansville Radar	5,500,000
Construction:	
Weather Forecast Office	9,136,000
NERRS Construction	6,000,000
Marine Sanctuaries	3,000,000
(Deobligations)	(7,504,000)
Total, Procurement, Acquisition and Construction	\$564,656,000

Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS).—The Committee has included \$16,000,000 for the AWIPS acquisition, which is \$1,300,000 below the request, and the same amount provided in current year. Funding will complete the second of a three year effort to develop and deploy Build 5.0 software.

Next-Generation Radar (NEXRAD).—The Committee recommendation includes \$8,200,000 for continued closeout activities and planned product improvements at the current year level.

Polar and Geostationary Spacecraft and Launching Programs.—The Committee recommends a total of \$497,789,000 for satellite development and procurement programs, \$40,195,000 above fiscal year 2000, and \$6,654,000 below the request. This amount includes \$70,000,000 for NPOESS-Polar convergence, an increase of \$20,000,000 above the request. While the Committee's constrained allocation prevents fully funding this line item, the Committee considers this program to be a high priority. Should slippage occur in any other program under the Systems Acquisition activity, the NPOESS program should be the first priority for any reprogramming of funds.

NERRS Construction.—The recommendation includes \$6,000,000 in construction funds to provide funding needed to supplement or update facilities.

PACIFIC COASTAL SALMON RECOVERY FUND

The recommendation includes \$58,000,000, the amount provided in the current year, for the Pacific Salmon Recovery Fund. This amount is \$102,000,000 below the request. In the fiscal year 2000 Act, language was included to authorize the appropriation of funds for fiscal year 2000. The Committee has included bill language making fiscal year 2001 funds available subject to express authorization. The Committee's recommendation does not include funding for a vessel buy-back program.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT FUND

The Committee has included language in the bill, identical to that included in fiscal year 2000, which makes available \$4,000,000 in the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Fund for administration of the CZM program, and for State Development Grants in accordance with the authorization set forth in Section 308(b)(2)(A) and 308(b)(2)(B)(v) of the Coastal Zone Management Act, and the National Estuarine Reserve program set forth in Section 315(e) of the Coastal Zone Management Act. The budget included language to transfer the funding to the Operations, Research, and Facilities account.

