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**SUBJECT:** Delegation of Authority - Regional Marine  
Research Program

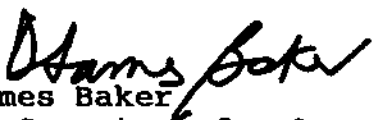
**TO:** Financial Management Centers, NOAA Staff Offices,  
and Office of Administration and Administrative  
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The following authorities vested in the Administrator of the ~~National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration by Title IV of~~ the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended, are delegated to the Director of the NOAA Coastal Ocean Program Office when the Director is performing in the capacity of Chair of the Regional Marine Research Program Executive Council:

1. The Administrator's functions under section 404(c) of Public Law 101-593 (16 U.S.C. 1477c(c)) with respect to receipt and approval and disapproval of Regional Research Plans prepared under the Regional Marine Research Program.

2. The Administrator's functions under section 405(c)(1) of Public Law 101-593 (16 U.S.C. 1477d(c)(1)) with respect to the review and approval of annual research grant applications prepared under the Regional Marine Research Program.

The Administrator reserves the authority to provide general policy guidance to the Director and, from time to time at the Administrator's discretion, either on the Administrator's own initiative or at the request of the Director, to consult with the Director to the extent permitted by law regarding the functions delegated by this directive.

  
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Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere  
and Administrator of the National Oceanic  
and Atmospheric Administration