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Chapter 1: Authority, Policy, and Procedures

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1.1 **Authority.** The authority for the anadromous fisheries sub-activity is the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act of 1965 (79 Stat. 1125; 16 U.S.C. 757a).

1.2 **Policy.** By agreement between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service, in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the Department of Commerce, the following policy statement will guide the organizations cited in accomplishing the objectives of the Act.

A. The National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will cooperate with the States and other non-Federal interests, to the fullest possible extent, in carrying out a vigorous and forceful effort for the conservation, development, and enhancement of the Nation's anadromous fish, and the fish in the Great Lakes, and Lake Champlain that ascend streams to spawn. This policy shall be administered by the two organizations on a coordinated basis so as to result in the maximum of potential benefits. The two organizations shall jointly, and in cooperation with State fishery agencies and other non-Federal interests, formulate comprehensive National, Regional, and State programs for the conservation, development and enhancement of anadromous fishery resources.

1.3 **Procedures.**

A. Public Regulations. Regulations included in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 50--Wildlife and Fisheries, Chapter IV, Subchapter A - Joint Regulations (Department of the Interior-Department of Commerce) - Part 401--Anadromous Fisheries Conservation, Development and Enhancement, include procedures to be used in providing financial and other assistance, through cooperative agreements, to State agencies and other non-Federal interests under this program.

B. Internal Procedures.

(1) By a memorandum of agreement dated September 30, 1970, the responsible organizations agreed to coordinate development of policy and its application in jointly

administering the program through a working coordinating committee.

(2) The working coordinating committee will follow the procedures specified in the memorandum of agreement.

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