

*The Rhode Island
Fluke Conservation Cooperative
Established 2008*

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Mr. Robert Ballou
Acting Chief
Division of Fish and Wildlife
3 Fort Wetherhill Rd
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Re: Request to participate in 2011 Fluke Sector Program.

Dr. Mr. Ballou:

The RI Fluke Conservation Cooperative, a nonprofit corporation, has been established for the sole purpose of co-managing a portion of the Rhode Island Fluke Quota under the guide lines established in RIMF 7.7.11, 7.7.11-1, 7.7.11-2, 7.7.11-3, 7.7.11-4, 7.7.11-5, 7.7.11-6, and 7.7.11-7. As a nonprofit corporation of the State of Rhode Island we are currently identified as being in good standing with the Secretary of State, Corporation Division, corporate I.D. 484809.

Please consider this letter to represent our official request to continue in the Fluke Sector Management program that is currently being offered to all qualifying fishermen of the State of Rhode Island. I have attached a roster of all vessels and captains that wish to be a part of the program for the 2011 fishing year, as well as a fully executed sector contract, operations plan and current fishing agreement for 2011.

Pursuant to the published requirements of the program, I have requested that the landings history for the participating vessels be forwarded to Ft Wetherhill, via the NOAA/NMFS Statistics Office for your inspection, review and approval.

On behalf of the RI Fluke Conservation Cooperative, I would like to thank the State of Rhode Island DEM and Fish and Wildlife for continuing the program so that we may continue to work toward the perfection of this progressive and effective management strategy.

Thank you,

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