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The Honorable Jon S. Corzine  
The Governor of New Jersey  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of a resolution that was adopted by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council at the Council's meeting last week in New York commending the governors for their commitment to the Mid-Atlantic Governors' Agreement on Ocean Conservation.

We look forward to establishing a productive dialogue with the new regional consortium as we work together to address important ecosystem management issues. We would appreciate the opportunity to establish a liaison position to your executive committee once it is established, so please keep us informed as the regional agreement's structure is developed. Thanks again for your historic initiative to address marine conservation and ecosystem management issues and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the Council's ongoing management of fisheries and related habitat issues in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Very truly yours,

Richard B. Robins, Jr.  
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Enclosure: Resolution

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### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, healthy and resilient ocean ecosystems are essential to the welfare of the region's living marine resources for fisheries production, recreation and ecological function; and,

WHEREAS, the Mid-Atlantic Governors' Agreement on Ocean Conservation signatory states are essential participants in the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's management of living marine resources and habitats as provided for under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council has a longstanding history of developing complementary and collaborative fisheries management measures jointly with the member states and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, consistent with our mutual interests and public trust responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Mid-Atlantic Governors' Agreement on Ocean Conservation represents a highly significant and historic step to improve regional collaboration on coastal ecosystem protection, water quality, renewable energy development, climate change and related ocean governance issues; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council commends the governors for their commitment to the Mid-Atlantic Governors' Agreement on Ocean Conservation and looks forward to constructive engagement with the regional consortium to address ecosystem management issues as we work together with the states to conserve and sustainably manage living marine resources for the benefit of current and future generations.