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Mr. Robert Knecht
Assistant Administrator for Coastal
Zone Management
U.S. Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration
3300 Whitehaven Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20235

Dear Mr. Knecht:

The State of New Jersey submits the New Jersey Coastal Management Program - Bay and Ocean Shore Segment for approval under Section 306 (h) of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act.

This program is the culmination of a four-year process during which a wide range of agencies, interest groups and citizens have worked together to identify issues of concern, review draft recommendations and debate public policy on the coast. In the past year, for example, the Department of Environmental Protection held a series of public meetings and workshops to discuss the Coastal Management Strategy (September 1977), and, on the basis of the public comments, prepared the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (May 1978) for this program. At my direction, the Department of Environmental Protection then convened an even more extensive series of public hearings and informal workshops. The public comments made at those meetings, and in writing, led to further improvements included in this document.

I have reviewed this document and approved the management program for the Bay and Ocean Shore Segment as State policy. Accordingly, I have designated the Department of Environmental Protection as the single state agency to receive and administer implementation grants under Section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act.

I certify that the State of New Jersey has the legal authority necessary to implement the management program, and the the organizational structure necessary to implement the program is in place.

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I believe that this coastal management program will enable the wise management of one of the New Jersey's greatest assets, the coast.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher J. Fackman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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