



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Sea Grant College Program
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

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Mr. M. Richard DeVoe, Director
South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium
287 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Dear Rick:

First and foremost, I want to congratulate you and your staff for reaching the standard of excellence expected of all Sea Grant College Programs. As part of our first network-wide review under the Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation (PIE) process, South Carolina Sea Grant underwent a site visit review and a program performance review. The site review team evaluated the Program's management and organization, stakeholder engagement, and collaborative network activities. The performance review evaluated South Carolina Sea Grant Program's performance according to the priorities set forth in your Program's strategic plan and your Program's overall program impact based on the Federal investment.

These two independent reviews together provided a comprehensive picture of the effectiveness of your entire Program. The results from these reviews are clear: South Carolina Sea Grant is a well-managed, cost-effective program that provides valuable services to its stakeholders. Based on these results, we anticipate providing \$113,000 in merit funding to your base program award in FY2014. (Please note: this amount is contingent upon Sea Grant's FY2014 appropriation).

Your Program's success contributes to the strength of the National Sea Grant College Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leon M. Cammen".

Leon M. Cammen

Cc: Elizabeth Ban, Federal Program Officer