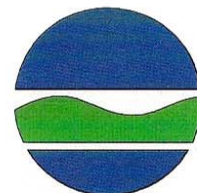


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March 23, 2009

**re: NOAA Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Project Grants
under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
FFO# NOAA-NMFS-HCPO-2009-2001709**

To Whom It May Concern:

I write now in support of the Coastal Steward Adopt - A- Beach Program.

The Coastal Stewardship organization has demonstrated a proven ability to coordinate the efforts of local organizations, government agencies and concerned citizens to remove debris and eliminate blight conditions on local beaches.

The Coastal Steward's Adopt - Beach Program can be of significant value in working to protect the environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter A. Scully', is written over a circular stamp or watermark.

PETER A. SCULLY
Regional Director

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