



## **CoastWatch** Northeast Region

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Dear Dennis,

The Northeast Regional Node of the NOAA CoastWatch program, located at the National Marine Fisheries Laboratory (NMFS) Narragansett, Rhode Island, provides operational distribution of satellite products to researchers throughout the northeastern U.S. Principal among these products is our near-real-time imagery of derived sea-surface temperature fields (SST) and ocean reflectance data, from NOAA polar-orbiting AVHRR instruments.

CoastWatch regards the model products you have described as an important resource that will be used widely within the community of ocean scientists, fishery biologists and coastal ecosystem managers. As you may know, the CoastWatch Northeast Regional Node has a long-standing commitment to near-real-time distribution of its satellite and data products. While the field of research on harmful algal blooms has matured, the need for timely dissemination of information on bloom activity has become increasingly important. In view of this, we eagerly welcome the opportunity to work with you on this phase of your project, to participate in the workshops you will be conducting, and to help support the use of your models as an aid in monitoring coastal and estuarine algal blooms.

We wish you the best in achieving your goals under this proposal, and to thank you for considering us as a partner.

Best regards,

Grayson B. Wood  
Manager, CoastWatch Northeast Region