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Preface

Almost a year ago, 23-25 September 1981, the Mid-Atlantic Artificial Reef Conference was held in Atlantic City, N.J. It was cosponsored by the Sea Grant Marine Advisory Service Programs of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Virginia, in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management; Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Division of Fish and Wildlife; Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Tidewater Administration and Coastal Zone Program; Marine Science Research Center, State University of New York at Stony Brook; National Marine Fisheries Service; and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Artificial Reef Program.

The program was designed to address current artificial reef issues and developments through four panels: 1) Legis-

lative and Government programs, 2) temperate reef ecology, 3) industry's role in reef development, and 4) new technologies and designs in reef development. Printed abstracts of those panel sessions are available from the New Jersey Marine Advisory Service, P.O. Box 421, Marmora, N.J. 08223.

Program topics, of course, dealt with marine artificial reef issues and progress of interest and value far beyond the Mid-Atlantic region. This Special Issue of the *Marine Fisheries Review* presents selected papers developed from that conference. I am especially grateful to James D. Murray, Director, New Jersey Marine Advisory Service (currently Director, North Carolina Marine Advisory Service); Daniel J. Sheehy, Aquabio, Inc., Columbia, Md.; and Richard B. Stone, National Marine Fisheries Service, Washington, D.C., for their advice and assistance.

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