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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
PROGRAM PLANNING AND INTEGRATION
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

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To All Interested Government Agencies and Public Groups:

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, an environmental review has been performed on the following action.

TITLE: 2010 Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Specifications Environmental Assessment, Regulatory Impact Review, Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, and Essential Fish Habitat Assessment

LOCATION: Atlantic Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)

SUMMARY: This final rule implements specifications for the 2010 summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass fisheries. This action also prohibits federally permitted commercial vessels from landing summer flounder in Delaware, for which no commercial quota is available in 2010, due to overages in previous years.

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The environmental review process led us to conclude that this action will not have a significant impact on the environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement was not prepared. A copy of the finding of no significant impact (FONSI), including the environmental assessment, is enclosed for your information.

Although NOAA is not soliciting comments on this completed EA/FONSI we will consider any comments submitted that would assist us in preparing future NEPA documents. Please submit any written comments to the Responsible Official named above.

Sincerely,

for Paul N. Doremus
NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure

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