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To All Interested Government Agencies and Public Groups:

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

TITLE: 2010 Fishing Year Specifications and Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Report, including the Environmental Assessment, Regulator Impact Review, and Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

LOCATION: Exclusive Economic Zone off the East Coast

SUMMARY: NMFS issues final specifications for the 2010 Atlantic Deep-sea Red Crab fishery. The intent of these specifications is to establish the target total allowable catch and fleet days-at-sea allocation, consistent with the Atlantic Deep-Sea Red Crab Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The specifications are not anticipated to result in any significant impacts on target and non-target fishery resources, protected resources, habitat, or the affected human communities.

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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, Ph. D.
NOAA NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure

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