UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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: An Environmental Assessment for Fishing Year 2013 Northeast Multispecies Sector Operations Plans and Contracts, RIN 0648-XC240.

LOCATION: New England/Gulf of Maine Exclusive Economic Zone

SUMMARY: This action partially approves and makes determinations about 17 sector operations plans, including regulatory exemptions specific to the groundfish sectors.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: John K. Bullard
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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 and supplement, 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 Patricia A. Montanio
NOAA NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure

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