



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
PROGRAM PLANNING AND INTEGRATION
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Reviewer:

In accordance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), we enclose for your review the Final Supplement to the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (SFPEIS) for the Fishery Management Plan for Regulating Offshore Marine Aquaculture in the Gulf of Mexico (FMP) [RIN 0648-AS65].

This SFPEIS is prepared pursuant to NEPA to assess the environmental impacts associated with NOAA proceeding with regulatory action proposed by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

Additional copies of the SFPEIS may be obtained from the Responsible Program Official identified below through Jess Beck-Stimpert at jess.beck@noaa.gov. The document is also accessible electronically on the NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Web site <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov>, or the eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> (search: 0648-AS65).

NOAA is not required to respond to comments received during the agency's 30 day comment period as a result of the issuance of the SFPEIS. However, comments received by August 3, 2015 will be reviewed and considered for their impact on issuance of a record of decision (ROD). Please send written comments to the responsible official identified below or electronically through the eRulemaking Portal. The ROD will be made available publicly following final agency action on or after August 3, 2015.

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