



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

To All Interested Government Agencies and Public Groups:

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

**TITLE:** Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM) Omnibus Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment, (RIN 0648-BE50)

**LOCATION:** Exclusive Economic Zone off the east coast of the United States

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 303(a)(11) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, this action establishes the methodology to be employed to obtain, analyze, and report information related to bycatch occurring in Greater Atlantic Region fisheries. This action entirely deals with the procedural and administrative mechanisms by which data and information regarding fishery discards are collected and utilized; therefore, no impacts to the environment are expected as a result of this action.

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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 (EA), 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,

Patricia A. Montanio  
NOAA NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure

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