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: Programmatic Environmental Assessment, Fisheries Financing Program

LOCATION: The United States, U.S. Trust Territories, and EEZ.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Headquarters, Office of Management and Budget, Fisheries Finance Program (FFP), is proposing to continue operation of the FFP to make loans to fishers, fish processors, aquaculturists and others to finance up to 80 percent of the capital cost of fisheries-related projects in 2015 and beyond. These are financial transactions, which will not change or add to the operations involved, nor change the methods by which they operate.

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The environmental review process, including preparation of the Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA), led us to conclude that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, we have not prepared an environmental impact statement. A copy of the finding of no significant impact (FONSI), including the supporting PEA, is enclosed for your information.

Although NOAA is not soliciting comments on this completed PEA/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,

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