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, an environmental review has been performed on the following action.

TITLE: Harvest Control Rule for Lower Columbia River (LCR) Coho Evolutionarily Significant Unit in Fisheries Managed under the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan

LOCATION: Exclusive Economic Zone (3-200 nautical miles) off the Coasts of Washington and Oregon

SUMMARY: The Proposed Action is to adopt a harvest control rule to identify appropriate impact levels to LCR coho from Council-managed salmon fisheries beginning in 2015. This harvest control rule would be analyzed in a biological opinion conducted under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and would be used to develop guidance to the Council in formulating annual management measures for ocean salmon fisheries.

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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 supporting 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,

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