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: Regulatory Amendment 22 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region (Regulatory Amendment 22) [RIN: 0648-BE76]

LOCATION: Exclusive economic zone in the South Atlantic Region

SUMMARY: Regulatory Amendment 22 was developed to revise the annual catch limits (ACL) and optimum yield for gag and wreckfish, based on recent stock assessments for these two species. The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council’s (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee recommended acceptable biological catch values and the Council determined ACLs to ensure overfishing does not occur. The amendment was approved for Secretarial review by the Council at their December 2014 meeting.

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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,
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