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

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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: Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Lower Shannock Falls Dam Removal Project, to support ARRA Grant Award # NA09NMF4630333

LOCATION: Pawcatuck River in Richmond and Charlestown, Rhode Island

SUMMARY: The purpose of this project is to restore diadromous fish access to upstream foraging and spawning habitat in the upper Pawcatuck River in southwestern Rhode Island. This proposed project will be funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

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The environmental review process led us to conclude that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared. A copy of the FONSI including the supporting 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,

for

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Enclosure

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