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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: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Parson's Slough Project, to support ARRA Grant Award # NA09NMF4630298

LOCATION: Elkhorn Slough area at Monterey Bay, California

SUMMARY: The purpose of this project is to conduct construction, restoration and enhancement activities intended to increase Coastal Pelagic and Pacific Coast Groundfish species survival. The project will reduce tidal scour of essential fish habitat in Parson's Slough, within a portion of Elkhorn Slough at Monterey Bay, California. The Project will be funded by NOAA 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 SEA is enclosed for your information.

Although NOAA is not soliciting comments on this SEA or 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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for NOAA NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure

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