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

TITLE:	Environmental Assessment on Effects of Issuing Endangered Species Scientific Research Permit No. 15802
LOCATION:	State and Federal waters of Florida and the southeastern United States
SUMMARY:	Research and monitoring of endangered smalltooth sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*) and listed sea turtles that may be opportunistically encountered
RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:	Helen M. Golde Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources National Marine Fisheries Service National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13821 Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301) 427-8400

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 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,

Patricia A. Montanio
NOAA NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure

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