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: Annual Specifications for the 2012 Pacific Sardine Fishing Season – RIN 0648- XA882

LOCATION: Exclusive Economic Zone off the U.S. West Coast

SUMMARY: NMFS implements the annual catch limit (ACL), harvest guideline (HG), annual catch target and associated annual reference points for Pacific sardine in the U.S. exclusive economic zone off the Pacific coast for the fishing season of January 1 to December 31, 2012. This rule is proposed according to the Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

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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, 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
Patricia A. Montanio
NOAA NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure

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