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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: Final Rule to Implement a Limited Entry Program for Federal Lobster Trap Fishermen in Area 1, RIN 0648-BA56

LOCATION: Federal Lobster Conservation Management Area 1, Gulf of Maine

SUMMARY: This action implements a limited entry program for Federal lobster trap fishermen in Area 1, based on specific eligibility criteria, including: historic participation in Area 1, and purchase of lobster trap tags.

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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,

for. Patricia A. Montanio
NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure

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