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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 and Supplemental Environmental Assessment for Marsh Island Salt Marsh Restoration Project

LOCATION: Marsh Island, Fairhaven, MA

SUMMARY: The purpose of this project is to conduct construction of a project that will restore approximately 12 acres of salt marsh at Marsh Island in Fairhaven, MA. The Project will be funded through the New Bedford Harbor Damage Assessment Remediation and Restoration Program case under which NOAA will contract out project construction and evaluation.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Frederick C. Sutter
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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 finding of no significant impact (FONSI) including the supporting supplemental environmental assessment (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 Patricia A. Montanio
NOAA NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure

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