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: Supplemental Environmental Assessment for the 2013 Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Recreational Management Measures and Increase to the 2013 and 2014 Black Sea Bass Specifications (0648-BD13)

LOCATION: Exclusive Economic Zone off the East Coast of the United States

SUMMARY: NMFS issues a rulemaking to implement management measures to achieve recreational harvest limits for the 2013 summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass recreational fisheries. Recreational management measures include recreational possession limits, minimum fish sizes, and seasonal closures. This rule also implements an increase to the previously established 2013 and 2014 black sea bass specifications.

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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 supplemental environmental assessment (SEA), is enclosed for your information.

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Although NOAA is not soliciting comments on this completed SEA/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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Enclosure