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

TITLE: National Marine Fisheries Service's *Environmental Assessment on the Issuance of an Incidental Harassment Authorization to Take Marine Mammals by Harassment Incidental to Demolition and Construction Activities at the Children's Pool Lifeguard Station in La Jolla, California*

LOCATION: La Jolla Children's Pool Lifeguard Station, 827 ½ Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, California (32° 50' 50.02 North, 117° 16' 42.8" West)

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposes to issue an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) for the take, by Level B harassment only, of marine mammals during demolition and construction activities at the Children's Pool Lifeguard Station, June to December 2013. In 2013, NMFS prepared an *Environmental Assessment on the Issuance of an Incidental Harassment Authorization to Take Marine Mammals by Harassment Incidental to Demolition and Construction Activities at the Children's Pool Lifeguard Station in La Jolla, California* (EA). NMFS has determined that the impact of conducting the demolition and construction activities in La Jolla, California, may result, at worst, in a temporary modification in behavior of small numbers of species of marine mammals. No injury, serious injury, or mortality is anticipated to result from this activity, nor is it authorized. NMFS has further determined that, pursuant to the MMPA, this activity will result in a negligible impact on the affected species or stocks of marine mammals.

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The environmental review process including the analysis and determinations made during the IHA application and issuance process has 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) prepared by the NMFS and the supporting NMFS EA, are enclosed for your information.

Although NOAA is not soliciting comments on this 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,

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NOAA NEPA Coordinator