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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: Amendment 3 to the Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan (RIN 0648-BC77)

LOCATION: Exclusive Economic Zone off the east coast.

SUMMARY: Amendment 3 to the Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan was developed by the Mid-Atlantic and New England Fishery Management Councils. The management measures include implementing a research set-aside program, updating essential fish habitat definitions, allowing rollover of specifications, and eliminating the seasonal allocation of the commercial quota. These administrative measures are intended to improve the implementation of the Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan and provide benefits to the spiny dogfish fishery.


RESPONSIBLE

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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,

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NOAA NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure

