UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
PROGRAM PLANNING AND INTEGRATION
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

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: Final Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis For Amendment 100 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area and Amendment 91 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska: Adding Grenadiers (Family Macrouridae) [RIN 0648-BD98]

LOCATION: Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska

SUMMARY: The groundfish fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands and the Gulf of Alaska incidentally catch grenadiers while harvesting target groundfish. This proposed action is necessary to limit and monitor the incidental catch of grenadiers in the groundfish fisheries. No significant impacts are anticipated from this action. All beneficial and adverse impacts of the action have been addressed to reach the conclusion of no significant impacts.

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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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