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:

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Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an environmental review has been performed on the following action.

TITLE: Adoption of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) *Environmental Assessment for the Application for Surrender of License Veazie, Great Works, and Howland Projects, FERC Project Nos. 2403-056, 2312-019 and 2721-020* and NOAA Award # NA13NMF4000039

LOCATION: Penobscot River, Maine

SUMMARY: In compliance with NEPA, the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) Office of Protected Resources has prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) based on its independent review and adoption of FERC's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the *Application for Surrender of License Veazie, Great Works, and Howland Projects, FERC Project Nos. 2403-056, 2312-019 and 2721-020* to support the issuance of Species Recovery Grant # NA13NMF4000039. NMFS proposes to issue this grant to support the recovery of multiple species listed under the Endangered Species Act - namely, Atlantic salmon and Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon - through the removal of the Veazie Dam on the Penobscot River in Maine. The public and other interested parties have participated in review of the FERC's EA, and consequently additional public review will not occur at this time.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:

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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 NMFS' FONSI and the supporting EA prepared by FERC are enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

for Patricia A. Montanio
NOAA NEPA Coordinator

Enclosures

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