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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: Environmental Assessment (EA) for Amendment 38 to the Fishery Management Plan for Reef Fish Resources in the Gulf of Mexico (FMP) [RIN: 0648-BC37]

LOCATION: Exclusive economic zone off the Gulf of Mexico states

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has submitted the subject amendment for review and implementation by the Secretary of Commerce. This amendment will: (1) Modify post-season recreational accountability measures for gag and grouper; (2) change the trigger for accountability measures; and (3) revise the framework procedure.

RESPONSIBLE

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The environmental review process led us to conclude that these actions 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, 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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Enclosure

