



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: Environmental Assessment (EA) for Amendment 15 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico, U.S. Waters [RIN 0648-BE93]

LOCATION: Exclusive economic zone off the Gulf of Mexico

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Fishery Management Council has submitted the subject EA and amendment for review and approval by the Secretary of Commerce. The EA analyzed the effects of a range of alternatives to revise stock status criteria for white, pink, and brown shrimp and to update the framework procedure for the fishery management plan.

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 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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Enclosure

