



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

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Dear Reviewer:

In accordance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), we enclose for your review the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for Amendment 11 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (Amendment 11).

This FSEIS is prepared pursuant to NEPA to assess the environmental impacts associated with NOAA proceeding with Amendment 11. Amendment 11 is needed to control capacity and curb fishing mortality resulting from an open access scallop fishery. Amendment 11 considers: Limited access for general category scallop permits; catch and trip limitations on general category vessels; catch monitoring provisions; incidental catch provisions; and measures to improve integration of more recent scallop resource information into the scallop fishery management process.

Additional copies of the FSEIS may be obtained from the New England Fishery Management Council at:

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The document is also accessible electronically through the NEFMC's website at <http://www.nefmc.org> or NMFS's Northeast Regional Office website at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/>

Written comments should be submitted through mail, facsimile (fax), or email to the Responsible Program Official identified below. Written comments submitted during the agency's 30-day public comment period must be received by November 26, 2007. When submitting fax or email comments include the following document identifier in the comment subject line: Comments on Scallop Amendment 11.

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Enclosure

