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Patricia Kurkul
Regional Administrator
Northeast Regional Office
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
55 Great Republic Drive
Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930

Re: Final Amendment 3 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Northeast Skate Complex and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) (CEQ# 20100007)

Dear Administrator Kurkul:

In accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, we have reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Final Amendment 3 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Northeast Skate Complex. Based on our review of the FEIS and responses provided to our comments on the DEIS we continue to have no objections to the project as described.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Higgins, Director
Office of Environmental Review