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Patricia A. Kurkul  
Regional Administrator  
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RE: Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Amendment 15 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP) (CEQ# 20110093)

Dear Ms. Kurkul:

In accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the FEIS for Amendment 15 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP. Based on our review, we continue to have no objection to the FMP as proposed and appreciate the response provided to our previous comments on the DEIS regarding cumulative impacts.

Please contact Timothy Timmermann (617-918-1025) of EPA's Office of Environmental Review with any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth A. Higgins".

Elizabeth A. Higgins, Director  
Office of Environmental Review