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Dear Reviewer:

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

This DSEIS 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 DSEIS may be obtained from the New England Fishery Management Council at:

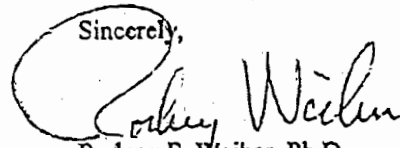
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Enclosure

