

The EA's were prepared by NOAA, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. sections 4321 *et seq.*, to assess the environmental impacts associated with the approval of the coastal nonpoint pollution control programs submitted to NOAA and EPA by Alaska, South Carolina and Virginia.

NOAA and EPA have proposed to approve, with conditions, the coastal nonpoint pollution control programs submitted by Alaska, South Carolina and Virginia. The requirements of 40 CFR Parts 1500–1508 (Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations to implement the National Environmental Policy Act) apply to the preparation of the Environmental Assessments. Specifically, 40 CFR section 1506.6 requires agencies to provide public notice of the availability of environmental documents. This notice is part of NOAA's action to comply with this requirement.

Copies of the Proposed Findings Documents, Environmental Assessments, and Findings of No Significant Impact may be obtained upon request from: Joseph P. Flanagan, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, tel. (301) 713–3121, x201.

DATES: Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the proposed Findings or Environmental Assessments should do so by October 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be made to: Joseph A. Uravitch, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, tel. (301) 713–3155, x195. (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration).

Dated: August 29, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program; Proposed Findings Document, Environmental Assessment, and Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Comment Period for Proposed Findings Document, Environmental Assessment, and Finding of No Significant Impact on Approval of the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program for Louisiana.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the extension of the comment period on the Proposed Findings Document, Environmental Assessment (EA), and Finding of No Significant Impact on the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program (coastal nonpoint program) submitted to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval by the State of Louisiana. A Notice of Availability was published at 62 FR 38520 on July 18, 1997. Comments were due by August 18, 1997. The Findings document was prepared by NOAA and EPA to provide the rationale for the agencies' decision to approve the Louisiana coastal nonpoint program. The EA was prepared by NOAA, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. sections 4321 *et seq.*, to assess the environmental impacts associated with the approval of the Louisiana coastal nonpoint program.

NOAA and EPA have proposed to approve, with conditions, the coastal nonpoint pollution control program submitted by Louisiana. The requirements of 40 CFR Parts 1500–1508 (Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations to implement the National Environmental Policy Act) apply to the preparation of Environmental Assessments. Specifically, 40 CFR section 1506.6 requires agencies to provide public notice of the availability of environmental documents. This notice is part of NOAA's action to comply with this requirement.

Copies of the Proposed Findings Document, Environmental Assessment, and Finding of No Significant Impact

may be obtained upon request from: Joseph P. Flanagan, Coastal Program Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, tel. (301) 713–3121, x201.

DATES: Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the Proposed Findings or Environmental Assessment should do so by October 20, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be made to: Joseph A. Uravitch, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, tel. (301) 713–3155, x195. (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration).

Dated: August 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Atlantic Striped Bass Fishery; 1996 Survey of Atlantic Striped Bass Fisheries

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability of survey.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the availability and summarizes the results of a survey of the Atlantic coast striped bass fisheries for 1996. The Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act (Act), requires NMFS to provide information on the status of the fisheries.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the survey results are available from Anne Lange, NOAA/NMFS/FX2, 8484 Georgia Avenue, Suite 425, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Act requires the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a comprehensive annual survey of the Atlantic striped bass fisheries. The