



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
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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 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for *Proposed Acceptable Biological Catch and Optimum Yield Specifications and Management Measures for the 2009-2010 Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery*.

This DEIS is prepared pursuant to NEPA to assess the environmental impacts associated with NOAA proceeding with specification of acceptable biological catch and optimum yield values for species and species' complexes in the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery management unit and establishment of management measures to constrain total fishing mortality to these specifications. These harvest specifications and management measures will be established for calendar years 2009 and 2010. Federally-managed Pacific groundfish fisheries occurring off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California establish the geographic context for the proposed action.

Additional copies of the DEIS may be obtained from the Responsible Program Official identified below. The document is also accessible electronically through the Pacific Fishery Management Council website at [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org).

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 45-day public comment period must be received by October 14, 2008. When submitting fax or email comments, include the following document identifier in the comment subject line: Comments on 2009-2010 Specifications and Management Measures DEIS.

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