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SUBJECT: Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review of XXXX Fishery Management Plan (FMP)

At its XXXX meeting, the XXXX Fishery Management Council (Council) voted to submit XXXXX to the Secretary of Commerce for approval. This amendment, if implemented through rulemaking, would XXXXX.

Findings

The effects of the proposed action are analyzed in [FMP/NEPA Document]. The area affected by the proposed action has been identified in the Council's FMPS for [FMPs]. As specified in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, EFH consultation is required for federal actions which may adversely affect EFH. However, as the federal action agency in this matter, the Sustainable Fisheries Division has determined the proposed actions would not adversely affect EFH. The Habitat Conservation Division has reviewed the actions and agrees with this determination. Further consultation on this matter is not necessary unless future modifications are proposed and such actions may result in adverse impacts to EFH.

