

AMENDMENT NO. 2 FOR THE
SURF CLAM AND OCEAN QUAHOG FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN
AND
FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

August, 1979

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
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Dear Reviewer:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, we are enclosing for your review and consideration the final supplemental environmental impact statement/fishery management plan, amendment no. 2 prepared jointly by the National Marine Fisheries Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council on the Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries of the Northwest Atlantic Ocean.

If you have any questions about the enclosed statement, please feel free to contact:

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sidney R. Galler".

Sidney R. Galler
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Environmental Affairs

Enclosure

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ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS USED IN THIS DOCUMENT

bushel - 1.88 cubic feet
CFR - Code of Federal Regulations
cm - centimeter
cu. - cubic
EIS - Environmental Impact Statement
fathom - 6 feet
FCMA - Fishery Conservation and Management Act
FCZ - Fishery Conservation Zone
FMP - Fishery Management Plan
g - gram
GRT - gross registered ton
ICNAF - International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries
in - inch
km - kilometer
knot - a unit of speed of one nautical mile (about 1.1 statute miles) per hour
m - meter
mm - millimeter
mt - metric ton = 2204.5 pounds
NMFS - National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
OY - Optimum Yield
PMP - Preliminary Management Plan
SA - Subarea or Statistical Area
Secretary - Secretary of Commerce
TALFF - Total Allowable Level of Foreign Fishing
1 bushel of offshore surf clams = 17 pounds of meats
1 bushel of ocean quahog = 10 pounds of meats
< - less than
<= - less than or equal to
> - greater than
>= - greater than or equal to

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