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RESOURCES (APLMR) INITIATIVE

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Dear Reviewer:

In accordance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, I am enclosing for your review the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Protected Living Marine Resources Initiative (APLMR Initiative).

The U.S. Coast Guard has considered all comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the APLMIR Initiative, and a summary of each comment and our response is included in Appendix Q of the enclosed FEIS.

The FEIS contains an overview of Coast Guard missions and describes how the proposed action aids the Coast Guard in its ability to fulfill its missions and enhance the preservation of protected species. The FEIS includes a comparative analysis of the proposed action and the no action alternative and discusses cumulative impacts associated with them.

This FEIS will serve as the basis for the Coast Guard's final Record of Decision (ROD) on the proposed APLMR Initiative.

For additional information on this document, please contact CDR R. Rooth at (202) 267-1456.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. F. McCormack".

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