

**NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**Experimental Fishing Permits**

**I. STATUS**

Permit requests

The Council has received the following notifications of new permit requests since the last Council meeting:

1. Coonamessett Dredge Twine Top EFP
2. MA DMF Whiting Fishery EFP
3. UNE/NEA Skate Bycatch Mortality EFP
4. GMRI Codend Small Mesh Study EFP
5. GMRI Small Dredge EFP

The comment periods for all the EFP requests ended before this Council meeting so staff reviewed the proposals for any potentially negative impacts on Council FMPs and provided comments on behalf of the Council. The staff submitted a letter stating that the Council had “no objection” to each of the EFP requests.

**II. COUNCIL ACTION**

None

**III. INFORMATION**

1. June 10, 2008 letter and *Federal Register* on the Coonamessett Dredge Twine Top EFP request
2. July 3, 2008 letter and *Federal Register* on the MA DMF Whiting Fishery EFP request
3. July 14, 2008 letter and *Federal Register* on the UNE/NEA Skate Bycatch Mortality EFP request
4. July 14, 2008 letter and *Federal Register* on the GMRI Codend Small Mesh Study EFP request
5. July 14, 2008 letter and *Federal Register* on the GMRI Small Dredge EFP request