

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Experimental Fishing Permits

I. STATUS

Permit requests

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

1. 2012 GB PSP Closed Area Exemption EFP
2. NEFSC Study Fleet EFP

The comment periods for all the EFP requests ended before this Council meeting. As a result 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. February 6, 2012 letter and *Federal Register* on the 2012 GB PSP Closed Area Exemption EFP request
2. April 12, 2012 letter and *Federal Register* on the NEFSC Study Fleet EFP request