

**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. NEFSC Study Fleet EFP
2. SMAST 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. March 1, 2010 letter and *Federal Register* on the NEFSC Study Fleet EFP proposal
2. March 30, 2010 letter and *Federal Register* on the SMAST Study Fleet EFP proposal