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. CCE Offshore Fluke Discard EFP
- 2. Georges Bank PSP Closed Area Exemption 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. September 25, 2009 letter and *Federal Register* on the CCE Offshore Fluke Discard EFP proposal
- 2. November 2, 2009 letter and *Federal Register* on the Georges Bank PSP Closed Area Exemption EFP proposal