

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Enforcement Committee

I. STATUS

- A. The Enforcement Committee met on March 12, 2013 and discussed:
- Draft NOAA priorities for 2013
 - The role of the Multispecies sector managers in the event a sector vessel receives a violation with respect to the joint liability of sectors
 - The enforcement of small, seasonal area closures
 - Marking requirements for lobster trawls, stability issues, and unintentional conflicts with mobile gear
 - A request that vessels should be allowed to carry two different mesh nets for different fisheries in regulated mesh areas
 - Candidates for advisory panel membership

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Accept the committee recommendation denying the request for two different size meshes onboard

III. INFORMATION

1. VMS/Enforcement report, March 12, 2013
2. PowerPoint of March 12, 2013 report
3. March 19, 2013 letter to NOAA commenting on Enforcement Guidelines
4. Letter from Regional Administrator, John Bullard re: Federal lobster gear marking requirements
5. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement Report for 2nd Quarter 2013