



New England Fishery Management Council

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Mr. Christopher Moore
Executive Director
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
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Dear Chris,

In consideration of NMFS' decision regarding the monkfish Emergency Action, to remove the monkfish trip limits while a vessel is on a **monkfish** day-at-sea (DAS) in the Northern Management Area, the Council voted (13/2/0) on April 25 the following motion:

*the Council requests NMFS expedite modification of the final rule on the monkfish Emergency Action to increase the monkfish possession limit while fishing on a **groundfish** DAS as follows: 600 lbs. (tail weight) per groundfish DAS for Category D vessels and 1,250 lbs. (tail weight) per groundfish DAS for Category C vessels in the NFMA only.*

The proposed rule is expected to be published shortly and the Monkfish Oversight Committee is scheduled to discuss this matter at its upcoming meeting.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Nies
Executive Director