

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. University of New Hampshire, Lobster Conservancy, NE Aquarium Lobster EFP
2. GMRI Herring EFP

The comment periods for all the EFP requests ended before this Council meeting so 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 26, 2009 letter and *Federal Register* on the Lobster EFP request
2. *Federal Register* on the Herring EFP request