

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. New England Red Crab Harvesters EFP
2. NEFSC Study Fleet Programmatic EFP
3. SNE Flatfish Discard Mortality 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. July 6, 2009 letter and *Federal Register* on the Red Crab EFP proposal
2. July 16, 2009 letter and *Federal Register* on the NEFSC Study Fleet Programmatic EFP proposal
3. September 3, 2009 letter and *Federal Register* on the SNE Flatfish Discard Mortality EFP proposal