

## **NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

### **Experimental Fishing Permits**

#### **I. STATUS**

##### Permit requests

The Council has received the following notifications of new permit requests or permit extensions since the last Council meeting:

1. Rod and Reel Fishing in WGOM Closed Area EFP
2. 2012 GB 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. October 25, 2011 letter and *Federal Register* on the Rod and Reel Fishing in WGOM Closed Area EFP request
2. October 25, 2011 letter and *Federal Register* on the 2012 GB PSP Closed Area Exemption EFP request