

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Enforcement Committee

I. STATUS

The Enforcement Committee met during a one-day workshop on November 29, 2011 with fishing advisors and JEAs at the USCG training center on Cape Cod to review the entire “not available for immediate use” gear stowage section (FR 648.23), including, but not limited to, the tarp rule and develop the appropriate panel replacement for the tarp.

The Committee will meet on March 22, 2012, to analyze the enforcement impacts of Herring Amendment 5, comment on NOAA’s Enforcement Priorities, request that General Counsel Northeast provide an advisor for all enforcement committee meetings and other business.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

Consider the committee’s requests that some gear stowage requirements be removed/modified, and that the groundfish committee determines whether the regulations that define “not available for immediate use” are still necessary.

III. INFORMATION

1. Report on the Gear Stowage Workshop, November 29, 2011 meeting
2. Gear stowage (includes *Federal Register* section 648.23)