



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Spencer Talmage
Sustainable Fisheries Division
Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, NMFS
55 Great Republic Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930

Dear Mr. Talmage:

The responds to Sarah Heil's letter regarding the application for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) requested by Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC).

On behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, I support the issuance of an Exempted Fishery Permit to the applicant, i.e., NEFSC. The NEFSC submitted a complete application for an EFP on February 26, 2019, for the 2019 Study Fleet Program. The EFP would exempt 18 commercial fishing vessels from the minimum size and possession limits for species of interest, as well as allow temporary retention of species that would be discarded.

Please call or write if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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cc: M. Luisi, W. Elliott, M. Pentony