

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON OPEN FISHERY LIMITATION:
PLANNING FOR A POSSIBLE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP) AMENDMENT

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) support the concept of a Federal Open Access Permit. A permit will provide a number of administrative, regulatory, and enforcement objectives.

- Data base can be used to identify fishermen involved in open access fisheries. New vessel monitoring system requirements will start to develop a list but may not include all fishermen, or limit new entries.
- Enhanced communication with Federal and State agencies.
- Permit qualifications can be established to achieve management objectives.
- Permits can be sanctioned to appropriately penalize egregious violations.

If the Council chooses to develop a Federal Open Access Permit, the EC is interested in participating in that development.

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