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Media Advisory

NOAA Issues Biological Opinions for Eight Northeast Marine Fisheries

NOAA today announced that the continuation of eight northeast marine fisheries may affect, but is not likely to jeopardize, the continued existence of large whales and sea turtles.

The agency's findings were issued in eight separate biological opinions, each covering one of the fisheries managed under the following management plans: American lobster; multispecies (groundfish); monkfish; spiny dogfish; skate; squid, mackerel and butterfish; summer flounder; scup and black sea bass; and bluefish.

Biological opinions document NOAA's conclusion as to whether a federal action (in this case, permitting the affected fisheries) is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of species' critical habitat.

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