

epoxy resin component comprises no less than 30 percent of the total weight of the product. The scope also includes blends of epoxy resins with different types of epoxy resins, with or without the inclusion of modifiers and additives, so long as the combined epoxy resin component comprises at least 30 percent of the total weight of the blend.

Epoxy resins that enter as part of a system or kit with separately packaged co-reactants, such as hardeners or curing agents, are within the scope. The scope does not include any separately packaged co-reactants that would not fall within the scope if entered on their own.

The scope includes merchandise matching the above description that has been processed in a third country, including by commingling, diluting, introducing, or removing modifiers or additives, or performing any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations if performed in the subject country.

The scope also includes epoxy resin that is commingled or blended with epoxy resin from sources not subject to this investigation. Only the subject component of such commingled products is covered by the scope of this investigation.

Excluded from the scope are phenoxy resins, which are polymers with a weight greater than 11,000 Daltons, a Melt Flow Index (MFI) at 200 °C (392 °F) no less than 4 grams and no greater than 70 grams per 10 min, Glass-Transition Temperatures (Tg) no less than 80 °C (176 °F) and no greater than 100 °C (212 °F), and which contain no epoxy groups other than at the terminal ends of the molecule.

Excluded from the scope are certain paint and coating products, which are blends, mixtures, or other formulations of epoxy resin, curing agent, and pigment, in any form, packaged in one or more containers, wherein (1) the pigment represents a minimum of 10 percent of the total weight of the product, (2) the epoxy resin represents a maximum of 80 percent of the total weight of the product, and (3) the curing agent represents 5 to 40 percent of the total weight of the product. Excluded from the scope are preimpregnated fabrics or fibers, often referred to as “prepregs,” which are composite materials consisting of fabrics or fibers (typically carbon or glass) impregnated with epoxy resin.

This merchandise is currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 3907.30.0000. Subject merchandise may also be entered under subheadings 3907.29.0000, 3824.99.9397, 3214.10.0020, 2910.90.9100, 2910.90.9000, 2910.90.2000, and 1518.00.4000. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written description of the scope is dispositive.

## Appendix II

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Approved Monitoring Service Providers

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Approval of Northeast multispecies monitoring service providers for fishing year 2025.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has approved nine companies to provide Northeast multispecies sector at-sea catch monitoring (ASM) and/or electronic catch monitoring (EM) services in fishing year 2025. Regulations implementing the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan require ASM and EM companies to meet service provider performance standards to be approved by NMFS to provide catch monitoring services to sectors. This action approves service providers that sectors may contract with for catch monitoring services for fishing year 2025.

**DATES:** Northeast multispecies at-sea and electronic monitoring service provider approvals are effective May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** The list of NMFS-approved sector monitoring service providers is available at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/data/observer-providers-northeast-and-mid-atlantic-programs>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Heather Nelson, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281–9334, email [Heather.Nelson@noaa.gov](mailto:Heather.Nelson@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan includes a requirement for industry-funded monitoring of catch by sector vessels. NMFS approves independent third-

party service providers with which sectors may contract to provide ASM and/or EM services to their vessels. NMFS requires full applications for approval from ASM and EM companies that are not currently approved to be a service provider. Previously approved ASM and EM companies are not required to submit a full application to maintain their approval status if they continue to meet all service provider performance standards and submit required updated information annually. The required updated information to maintain approval includes an updated Emergency Action Plan, evidence of adequate insurance coverage, and, if applicable, any updates to staffing or operations. Regulations at 50 CFR 648.11(h) describe the criteria for approval of ASM and EM service provider applications. NMFS approves service providers based on: (1) Completeness and sufficiency of applications; and (2) determination of the applicant’s ability to meet the performance requirements of a sector monitoring service provider. Once approved, service providers must meet specified performance requirements outlined in § 648.11(h)(5) and (6), including required coverage levels, in order to maintain eligibility. NMFS must notify service providers, in writing, if NMFS withdraws approval for any reason.

#### Approved Monitoring Service Providers

On September 3, 2024, NMFS announced an opportunity for new monitoring companies to apply for approval to provide ASM and/or EM services in fishing year 2025 and an opportunity for currently approved providers to submit updated documentation to maintain their approval status in fishing year 2025. NMFS previously approved nine companies to provide catch monitoring services to the Northeast multispecies sectors in fishing year 2024. Five of the nine approved companies provide both ASM and EM services: A.I.S., Inc.; East West Technical Services, LLC; Fathom Research, LLC; New England Marine Monitoring; and Saltwater, Inc. The other four approved companies provide EM services only: Archipelago Marine Research, Ltd.; Flywire Cameras; Satlink US, LLC; and Teem Fish Monitoring, Inc.

All currently approved ASM and EM companies continue to meet all service provider performance standards, submitted all required documentation, and are therefore approved service providers for fishing year 2025. We did not receive any new ASM or EM provider applications. Table 1 includes

the revised list of approved monitoring service providers.

NMFS has the authority to remove a service provider from its approved status in accordance with the regulations at § 648.11(h)(7). A monitoring service provider that fails to meet the requirements, conditions, and responsibilities will be notified in writing that it is subject to removal from the list of approved monitoring service providers. Withdrawing approval of a service provider will be based on an

evaluation of the service providers ability to meet the third-party catch monitoring provider standards in § 648.11(h)(5) and (6). All companies provided proof of holding insurance consistent with the regulations at 50 CFR 648.11(h)(3)(vii) as a part of their application. However, companies whose insurance expires before the end of the 2025 fishing year must submit updated insurance documents at the time of their current policy's expiration to maintain approval. NMFS will closely monitor

the performance of approved service providers, and will withdraw approval during the current approval term if it determines performance standards are not being met.

NMFS did not solicit applications to provide dockside monitoring services related to the maximized retention EM program. NMFS suspended the operation of the MREM program in fishing year 2024, and we are currently considering whether we will operate the program in 2025.

TABLE 1—APPROVED PROVIDERS FOR FISHING YEAR 2025

Provider	Services	Address	Phone	Fax	Website
A.I.S., Inc .....	ASM/EM .....	540 Hawthorn St, Dartmouth, MA 02747.	508-990-9054	508-990-9055 ..	<a href="https://aisobservers.com/">https://aisobservers.com/</a> .
Archipelago Marine Research, Ltd.	EM .....	525 Head St, Victoria, BC V9A 5S1, Canada.	250-383-4535	250-383-0103 ..	<a href="https://www.archipelago.ca/">https://www.archipelago.ca/</a> .
East West Technical Services, LLC.	ASM/EM .....	91 Point Judith Rd, Suite 26 Unit 347, Narragansett, RI 02882.	860-910-4957	860-223-6005 ..	<a href="https://www.ewts.com/">https://www.ewts.com/</a> .
Fathom Resources, LLC .....	ASM/EM .....	855 Aquidneck Ave., Unit 9, Middletown, RI 02842.	508-990-0997	508-858-5383 ..	<a href="https://fathomresources.com/">https://fathomresources.com/</a> .
Flywire Cameras .....	EM .....	PO BOX 55048, Lexington, KY 40511	888-315-7796	502-861-6568 ..	<a href="https://www.flywirecameras.com/">https://www.flywirecameras.com/</a> .
New England Marine Monitoring.	ASM/EM .....	350 Commercial St, Portland, ME 04101.	508-269-8138	none .....	<a href="https://www.nemarinemonitoring.com/">https://www.nemarinemonitoring.com/</a> .
Saltwater, Inc .....	ASM/EM .....	733 N St, Anchorage, AK 99501 .....	907-276-3241	907-258-5999 ..	<a href="https://www.saltwaterinc.com/">https://www.saltwaterinc.com/</a> .
Satlink US, LLC .....	EM .....	16423 Sawgrass Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.	703-447-5287	none .....	<a href="https://www.satlink.es/en/">https://www.satlink.es/en/</a> .
Teem Fish Monitoring, Inc .....	EM .....	309 2nd Ave, Suite 363, Prince Rupert, BC V8J 3T1, Canada.	778-884-2598	none .....	<a href="https://teem.fish/">https://teem.fish/</a> .

Note: ASM/EM = At-sea and electronic monitoring; EM = Electronic monitoring only.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*)

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**Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; Exempted Fishing Permit**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) from the Fish/Fisheries Conservation Lab at the University of South Carolina. If granted, the EFP would authorize the limited

harvest of red hind during spawning events in U.S. Caribbean Federal waters around the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) and exempt that harvest from Federal area and seasonal closure regulations. The purpose of the EFP is to address critical gaps in red hind demographics and life history, which could help provide current, region-specific information for upcoming stock assessments for the species.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than December 9, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the application, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2024-0127, by either of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submission:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Visit <https://www.regulations.gov> and type NOAA-NMFS-2024-0127 in the Search box. Click the "Comment" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.
- *Mail:* Submit written comments to Sarah Stephenson, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

*Instructions:* Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public

viewing on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

Electronic copies of the EFP application may be obtained from the Southeast Regional Office website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/caribbean-exempted-fishing-permits-efps>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah Stephenson, 727-824-5305, [Sarah.Stephenson@noaa.gov](mailto:Sarah.Stephenson@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EFP is requested under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), and regulations at 50 CFR 600.745(b) concerning exempted fishing.

The applicant requests authorization to harvest 60 red hind grouper (*Epinephelus guttatus*) from two managed marine areas in Federal waters off the USVI: Red Hind Spawning Aggregation Area (Lang Bank) east of St. Croix (50 CFR 622.479(a)(2)) and the Hind Bank Marine Conservation District (MCD) south of St. Thomas (50 CFR