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State: New Hampshire

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Project Title: Law Enforcement of Atlantic States Marine Fisheries
Commission Managed Species in New
Hampshire - Job 1

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STATE: New Hampshire

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

To increase the effectiveness of law enforcement activities directed at enforcement of rules and statutes promulgated for compliance with Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) fisheries management plans.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES:

- Conservation officers conducted high visibility boat and dockside patrols. As a result of these patrols, a total of 1444 inspections were conducted; 56 for lobster and 1388 for striped bass.

Result of Inspections

Lobster		
2 summonses		11 warnings
Striped Bass		
1 summons		6 warnings

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The striped bass regulations between the state's of New Hampshire and Maine have been inconsistent for a number of years. These inconsistent regulations have caused some confusion with individuals fishing for striped bass on the Piscataqua River, which is the border between both states. Due to the fact that the border is in the center of the channel, fishermen have been in a quandary as to which states regulations apply and to where they apply. This quandary has led fishermen to criticize the regulatory process that allows for such consistency.
 - ASMFC should adopt a resolution that mandate states with border water issues to develop one set of regulations for the areas in question. Also, in the interest of minimizing conflicts or confusion, a regulatory process through ASMFC should be developed and adopted that would mandate the same effective date for all regulatory changes adopted by ASMFC Member States.