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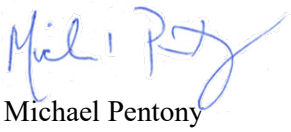

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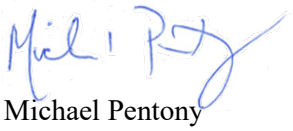

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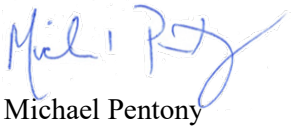

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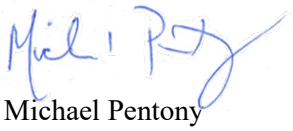

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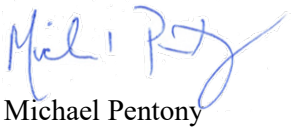

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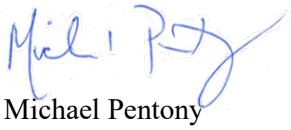

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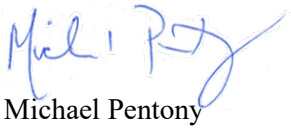

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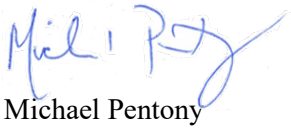

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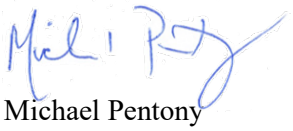
years as stipulated by the National Archives and Records Administration[1], and EM reports are held indefinitely by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center's Fisheries Monitoring and Operations Branch. We strongly encourage EM service providers to consult with their contracted sectors and/or vessels prior to making decisions about the final disposition of a vessel's EM data and reports as participating vessels may choose to retain EM data and/or reports for longer than the minimum required retention period.

The requirement we have summarized in this letter and that is included in the regulations is consistent with our policy directive, "Third-Party Minimum Data Retention Period in Electronic Monitoring Programs for Federally Managed U.S. Fisheries"[2].

Please contact Caroline Potter at caroline.potter@noaa.gov or (978) 281-9325 with questions.

Sincerely,



Michael Pentony
Regional Administrator

cc: Daniel Salerno, Chairman, New England Fishery Management Council
Dr. Nicole Cabana, Acting Director, Northeast Fisheries Science Center

[1] NARA Records Disposition Schedule DAA0370-2020-0001; May 2021.
[2] Third-Party Minimum Data Retention Period in Electronic Monitoring Programs for Federally Managed U.S. Fisheries; April 2020. Available at: https://media.fisheries.noaa.gov/dam-migration/04-115-03.pdf

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September 23, 2026

Mr. Michael Pentony
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Re: Comments on EGOM Sentinel Survey EFP

Dear Mike:

The New England Fishery Management Council has no objection to the exempted fishing permit submitted by the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries to continue the Eastern Gulf of Maine sentinel jig survey for groundfish in Statistical Areas 511 and 512, as published in the Federal Register on September 14, 2026. While overall fishing effort associated with this jig survey is limited, the Council suggests that the research include an estimate of expected cod catch during the survey.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Cate O'Keefe
Executive Director

From: Katherine Papacostas - NOAA Federal <katherine.papacostas@noaa.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2026 4:23 PM
Subject: Update: E.O. Restoring American Saltwater Angling and Recreation

Greetings partners,

I wanted to pass along the following update from agency leadership regarding the recent Executive Order and RAPID:

Most of you have likely seen the Administration's Executive Order RESTORING AMERICAN SALTWATER ANGLING AND RECREATION, which was announced Sept. 17.

We wanted to reach out to highlight the positive impacts of this E.O. for the Marine Recreational Information Program and the Recreational Angler Partnership Improvement Directive (RAPID), and to help answer recent questions related to our broader efforts to support the recreational fishing community.

RAPID and the E.O. are closely linked. While not specifically named in the E.O., RAPID, as currently designed, serves as the catalyst to achieve the recreational fishing data improvement goals outlined in the E.O. We do not anticipate major changes to the approach.

Right now, NOAA Fisheries is focused on identifying expert leads to address the E.O.'s various goals. The RAPID process is well underway with regional planning teams working to identify dates, locations, and potential participants for these workshops, which will be held later this year and into 2027. Together, RAPID and the E.O. will result in an improved recreational data collection system founded in partnership and collaboration.

NOAA anticipates the opportunity for broad discussion of the E.O. directives during the RAPID regional workshops. We welcome your continued feedback and strive to keep you all informed as we work to implement the directives of this E.O. to ensure a long-lasting, positive impact for our recreational fishing community.

We request that you please pass this message along to your member states, teams, and staff.

Thank you.