

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION (NAFO) REGULATIONS



This information sheet is only a summary of applicable fishing regulations for U.S. vessels fishing in the NAFO Convention Area and is not a substitute for the actual regulations.

NAFO Areas Defined:

The NAFO Convention Area is defined as the waters of the Northwest Atlantic Ocean north of 35°00' N latitude and west of the line extending due north from 35°00' N latitude and 42°00' W longitude to 59°00' N latitude, then due west to 44°00' W longitude, and then due north to the coast of Greenland, and the waters of St. Lawrence, Davis Strait, and Baffin Bay south of 78°00' N latitude. The NAFO Regulatory Area is that part of the Convention Area that lies beyond the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of coastal countries in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean. A chart of this area can be found on page 3 of this information sheet.

Permits Required from NOAA Fisheries:

All operators of United States fishing vessels, must have in their possession a High Seas Fishing Compliance (HSFC) permit. The cost is \$50, and may take up to 30 days to process. In order to transit the U.S. EEZ with U.S. regulated multispecies or monkfish on board HSFC permit holder must also obtain a Letter of Authorization from the Northeast (NE) Regional Administrator. To receive a HSFC permit application and apply for a letter of Authorization, please call the NE Regional permit office at 978-281-9370. For further information, please visit:

<http://www.nero.noaa.gov/permits/hsfp/>

NAFO Requirements and Quota Species:

The following is only a summary of current NAFO fishing requirements. A complete copy of the regulations can be found on the NAFO website (<http://www.nafo.int/>). Upon receiving your application for the HSFC permit and your declaration intent to fish in the NAFO Regulatory Area, the NE Regional Office will notify you of specific NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures (CEM).

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- *Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)*– A VMS unit capable of submitting daily catch reports as detailed in the 2005 NAFO CEM is required. Currently only the *Skymate®* VMS system is able to transmit from the NAFO Regulatory Area.
- *Observers*– All vessels fishing in the NAFO Regulatory Area are required to carry NAFO-approved observers.
- *Logbook*– All vessels must maintain a daily logbook.

NAFO QUOTA SPECIES:

The following list of species are regulated by a quota management system. To find out how much of each species is available to U.S. fishing vessels please contact the NE Regional Office at 978-281-9279. If you intend to target a species that is not listed in this table then the proposed fishing activity will be subject for review under the U.S. National Environmental Policy Act.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Cod	<i>Gadus morhua</i>
Redfish	<i>Sebastes spp.</i>
American plaice	<i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i>
Yellowtail flounder	<i>Limanda ferruginea</i>
Witch flounder	<i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i>
White hake	<i>Urophycis tenuis</i>
Capelin	<i>Mallotus villosus</i>
Thorny skate	<i>Amblyraja radiata</i>
Greenland halibut	<i>Reinhardtius hippoglassoides</i>
Short-finned (Illex) squid	<i>Illex illecebrosus</i>
Shrimp	<i>Pandalus spp.</i>

This is a simplified summary of measures in effect under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. You should also get a copy of the official rules as published in the Federal Register.

