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Dear Limited Access Northeast Multispecies Permit Holder:

A potential sector contribution (PSC) is the share of a stock's quota that a permit may contribute to a sector. PSCs for each stock are based on the landings history of each permit during fishing years (FYs) 1996-2006 and are the percentage of the total commercial landings for which the permit was responsible during that time period. Table 1 below shows the FY 2012 PSCs for your permit (Permit # , Moratorium Right ID # ). Table 2 below shows your expected base days-at-sea allocations for FY 2012.

Your PSCs have been updated for FY 2012 and may have either increased or decreased from FY 2011. For comparison, we have included in Table 1 both your updated FY 2012 PSCs, which will become effective May 1, 2012, and your current FY 2011 PSCs. Any changes to your FY 2012 PSCs result from corrections made to the dealer and vessel data that are used to calculate PSCs, as well as the redistribution of PSCs associated with cancelled permits. The landings history of a permit that is permanently cancelled is divided equally among all remaining permits.

Table 1 also includes an estimate of the pounds your permit would contribute to a sector's annual catch entitlements (ACE) in FY 2012. We calculated the estimate of pounds by multiplying your FY 2012 PSCs by the proposed FY 2012 commercial groundfish sub-annual catch limit (ACL) for each stock, except Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod. Due to the exceptional circumstances surrounding GOM cod and the separate rulemaking for allocating that stock, we will calculate each sector's ACE for GOM cod differently from other stocks. Therefore, Table 1 does not include an estimate of pounds that your permit would contribute to a sector's ACE for GOM cod in FY 2012. Please see the final rule for the FY 2012 Sector Operations Plans and Contracts and Allocation of Northeast Multispecies ACE for more information on the calculation of the FY 2012 sector ACEs for GOM cod.

If you have any further questions about information provided in this letter, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at 978-281-9315. For questions concerning data corrections, please contact Vic Vecchio at 978-675-2160. Please direct questions about FY 2011 ACE carryover or calculation of your permit's contribution to a sector's FY 2012 GOM cod ACE to sector managers.

Sincerely,

Daniel S. Morris  
Acting Regional Administrator

**Table 1 – FY 2011 and FY 2012 PSCs and FY 2012 ESTIMATED ACE Contributions for:  
, Permit # , MRI #**

Stock	Your PSC		Proposed FY 2012 Commercial Groundfish sub-ACL (live pounds) <sup>1</sup>	Your ESTIMATED FY 2012 ACE Contribution (live pounds) <sup>1</sup>
	FY 2011	FY 2012		
Atlantic Cod				
GB <sup>2</sup>			10,152,287	
GOM			na	na
Haddock				
GB <sup>2</sup>			60,490,435	
GOM			1,439,619	
Yellowtail Flounder				
GB			479,946	
SNE/MA			1,675,513	
CC/GOM			2,306,035	
American Plaice			7,226,753	
Witch Flounder			3,192,294	
Winter Flounder				
GB			7,467,057	
GOM			1,576,305	
Redfish			18,353,483	
White Hake			7,237,776	
Pollock			27,804,700	

<sup>1</sup> The proposed FY 2012 ACLs and your estimated FY 2012 ACE contribution are in live pounds. The amount of pounds that could be landed would be lower if fish are not landed whole.

<sup>2</sup> A permit only has an overall PSC for Georges Bank (GB) cod and GB haddock and does not have separate PSCs for Eastern GB cod or Eastern GB haddock.

**Table 2 – FY 2012 Expected Days-At-Sea Base Allocation**

Days-at-Sea Category	Allocation if Enrolled in a Sector	Allocation if Fishing in the Common Pool
A DAS		
B Regular DAS		
B Reserve DAS		