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Northeast Multispecies Permit Holders

Announcement

Reopening of Northeast Multispecies Sector Rosters

Effective Date: February 15, 2012

We, NOAA’s National Marine Fisheries Service, have extended the deadline for eligible Northeast multispecies permit holders in the common pool to join a sector for fishing year 2012 (May 1, 2012, through April 30, 2013) to April 30, 2012.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the usual deadline to join a sector?	Typically, sectors must submit membership rosters to NMFS by December 1 for the following fishing year, with the following exception: Permit holders who purchase a permit after December 1 have the opportunity to join a sector until April 30, the day before the start of a fishing year.												
Why is NMFS allowing an extension?	We recently determined that Gulf of Maine cod is overfished and in poor condition, and we are considering implementing interim measures in fishing year 2012 to address this issue. Because any reduction to Gulf of Maine cod would negatively impact some vessels, and because of concern about small trimester quotas for stocks such as Gulf of Maine cod in fishing year 2012, this extension will provide additional flexibility for common pool vessels.												
Which sectors have agreed to reopen their rosters?	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Georges Bank Cod Fixed Gear Sector</td> <td>Northeast Fishery Sector 12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northeast Coastal Communities Sector</td> <td>Northeast Fishery Sector 13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northeast Fishery Sector 2</td> <td>Port Clyde Community Groundfish Sector</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northeast Fishery Sector 5</td> <td>Sustainable Harvest Sector 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northeast Fishery Sector 10</td> <td>Sustainable Harvest Sector 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northeast Fishery Sector 11</td> <td>Tri-State Sector</td> </tr> </table>	Georges Bank Cod Fixed Gear Sector	Northeast Fishery Sector 12	Northeast Coastal Communities Sector	Northeast Fishery Sector 13	Northeast Fishery Sector 2	Port Clyde Community Groundfish Sector	Northeast Fishery Sector 5	Sustainable Harvest Sector 1	Northeast Fishery Sector 10	Sustainable Harvest Sector 3	Northeast Fishery Sector 11	Tri-State Sector
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Who do I contact if I want to join one of these sectors?	<p>Please visit the following website for sector contact information: http://www.nero.noaa.gov/sfd/sectordocs/SectorContacts.pdf.</p> <p>You may also call the NMFS Sector Team at 978-281-9315 if you have questions about this announcement.</p>												
May vessels already committed to a sector switch to a new sector?	No. This opportunity is limited to vessels that remained in the common pool as of the December 1, 2011, roster due date.												

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