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MEDIA ADVISORY

NOAA to host media teleconference on Gulf of Maine Cod Management Measures for 2012 Fishing Year

NOAA Fisheries will be discussing new interim management measures for the 2012 fishing year. These measures were developed in response to a recent stock assessment for Gulf of Maine cod, which indicated that the stock was overfished and major reductions in catch limits might be necessary for the 2012 fishing year. NOAA and the New England Fishery Management Council have been working with the fishing industry to identify flexibility within federal fisheries law to both protect cod and provide sustained fishing opportunities in the coming fishing year, which begins on May 1.

Shortly before the teleconference, a news release will be available at the NOAA Fisheries Service's website, <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/> and on the Northeast Regional Office Hot News page at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/hotnews/>

For additional information on Gulf of Maine Cod please visit our Gulf of Maine Cod News webpage <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/hotnews/gomcod/>

WHAT: News media teleconference

WHEN: **TODAY**, Mon., April 2, 11:30 am -12:00 pm EST

WHO: **Alan Risenhoover**, acting deputy assistant administrator for regulatory programs
Richard Merrick, Ph.D., chief science advisor for NOAA's Fisheries Service
Daniel Morris, acting administrator for Northeast Region
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