



United States Department of Commerce  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Northeast Region  
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Dear Limited Access Northeast Multispecies Permit Holder:

This letter explains your updated potential sector contribution (PSC), your days-at-sea (DAS) allocation, and an estimate of the pounds your permit would contribute to a sector for fishing year (FY) 2013.

A PSC is the share of a stock's quota that a permit may contribute to a sector. A PSC is equal to a permit's percentage of the total commercial landings during 1996-2006 (or 1996-2001 for Gulf of Maine cod for some vessels). **Table 1** on the back of this letter shows the FY 2013 PSCs for your permit (**Permit # , Moratorium Right ID #** ). **Table 2** on the back of this letter shows your expected base DAS allocation for FY 2013.

Your updated PSCs for FY 2013 may have either increased or decreased from FY 2012. Any changes to your FY 2013 PSCs result from corrections made to the dealer and vessel data used to calculate PSCs, as well as the redistribution of PSCs associated with cancelled permits. The landings history of a cancelled permit is divided equally among all remaining permits. For comparison, **Table 1** includes both your updated FY 2013 PSCs, which will become effective May 1, 2013, and your current PSCs.

**Table 1** also includes an estimate of the pounds your permit would contribute to a sector's annual catch entitlements (ACE) in FY 2013. We calculated the estimate of pounds by multiplying your FY 2013 PSCs by the expected FY 2013 commercial groundfish sub-annual catch limit (ACL) for each stock. Framework 48 will propose the ACLs used in this letter. The New England Fishery Management Council is currently considering several possible ACLs for some stocks. Therefore, we have not estimated pounds for Gulf of Maine Cod, Georges Bank Cod, or Georges Bank yellowtail flounder. ACLs and ACEs for FY 2013 are not final and may change. We will send you an updated letter when final ACLs are set for FY 2013.

We have postponed the December 3rd deadline for sectors to submit rosters to NMFS to March 29, 2013, however sectors may set more restrictive membership deadlines. 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.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

**Table 1 - FY 2012 and FY 2013 PSCs and FY 2013 ESTIMATED ACE Contributions for:  
F/V , Permit # , MRI #**

Stock	Your PSC		Proposed FY 2013 Commercial Groundfish sub- ACL (live pounds) <sup>1</sup>	Your ESTIMATED FY 2013 ACE Contribution (live pounds) <sup>1</sup>
	FY 2012	FY 2013		
<b>Atlantic Cod</b>				
<b>GB<sup>2,3</sup></b>				
<b>GOM<sup>3</sup></b>				
<b>Haddock</b>				
<b>GB<sup>2</sup></b>			57,752,294	
<b>GOM</b>			412,264	
<b>Yellowtail Flounder</b>				
<b>GB<sup>3</sup></b>				
<b>SNE/MA</b>			1,324,978	
<b>CC/GOM</b>			1,056,014	
<b>American Plaice</b>			3,130,564	
<b>Witch Flounder</b>			1,344,820	
<b>Winter Flounder</b>				
<b>GB</b>			7,777,909	
<b>GOM</b>			1,576,305	
<b>Redfish</b>			22,337,236	
<b>White Hake</b>			7,389,895	
<b>Pollock</b>			28,424,199	

<sup>1</sup> The proposed FY 2013 ACLs and your estimated FY 2013 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.

<sup>3</sup> The New England Fishery Management Council is currently considering several possible ACLs for Gulf of Maine (GOM) Cod, GB Cod, GB yellowtail flounder. Therefore, we have not estimated pounds for those stocks.

**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
<b>A DAS</b>		
<b>B Regular DAS</b>		
<b>B Reserve DAS</b>		