

**AMENDMENT 1 TO THE NORTHEAST FISHERY SECTOR VIII
SECTOR OPERATIONS PLAN**

APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE APRIL 26, 2011

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2011, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2012 - THE 2011 FISHING YEAR

This amendment officially recognizes the FY 2011 exemptions approved for Northeast Fishery Sector VIII:

1. 120-Day Block Requirement Out of the Fishery for Day Gillnet Vessels
2. Prohibition on a Vessel Hauling Another Vessel's Gillnet Gear
3. Limitation on the Number of Gillnets that May be Hauled on Georges Bank when Fishing Under a Groundfish/Monkfish Day-at-Sea (DAS)
4. Limitation on the Number of Gillnets for Day Gillnet Vessels
5. 20-Day Spawning Block
6. Limitation on the Number of Hooks that May be Fished
7. Length and Horsepower Restrictions of the DAS Leasing Program
8. Gulf of Maine (GOM) Sink Gillnet Mesh Exemption
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10. Dockside Monitoring (DSM) requirements for Vessels Fishing West of 72°30' W. long.
11. DSM Requirements for Vessels Fishing on Both a Monkfish and Multispecies DAS in the Southern Fishery Management Area (SFMA) using 10-inch or Greater Mesh