

**AMENDMENT 4 TO THE NORTHEAST FISHERY SECTOR VI
SECTOR OPERATIONS PLAN**

APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE JULY 1, 2011

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

This amendment approves 3 additional exemptions for Northeast Fishery Sector VI. The new exemptions are from:

1. The prohibition on the use of squid or mackerel as bait in the Closed Area (CA) I Hook Gear Haddock Special Access Program (SAP).
2. The requirement for submission of daily catch reports by sector managers for vessels that fish in the CA I Hook Gear Haddock SAP.
3. The trawl gear requirements in the U.S./Canada Management Area.

The following exemptions were previously approved for Northeast Fishery Sector VI and remain in effect:

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
9. GOM Sink Gillnet Mesh Exemption in May
10. Vessel Monitoring System Requirements when a Vessel is at the Dock
11. Dockside Monitoring (DSM) requirements for Vessels Fishing West of 72°30' W. long.
12. DSM Requirements for Handgear A-permitted Sector Vessels
13. 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