

AMENDMENT 1 TO THE NEFS VI OPERATIONS PLAN

APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE MARCH 6, 2013

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2013, FOR THE 2012 FISHING YEAR

Exhibit C: Harvesting Rules

22. SECTOR SPECIFIC EXEMPTIONS: In addition to the Universal Exemptions granted to all Sectors, as referenced above and in §4.0 of 33 this Agreement, Members agree to abide by the following obligations as Authorized in their LOA, in order to utilize these Sector Specific Exemptions:

- 22.1** 6.5 inch (16.5 cm) codend minimum mesh size requirement for trawl gear utilizing a codend mesh size of 4.5 inch (11.4 cm) or greater by vessels on a targeted redfish trip in the GOM when either a NEFOP or ASM is present.
- 22.2** 120 Day Gillnet Block Out of the fishery.
- 22.3** 20 Day Spawning Block.
- 22.4** Prohibition on a vessel's hauling another vessel's gillnet gear (Community Fixed Gear)
- 22.5** Limitation on the number of Gillnets that may be hauled on GB when fishing on a Groundfish/Monkfish DAS.
- 22.6** Limitation on the number of gillnets for day gillnet vessels.
- 22.7** Limitation on the number of hooks.
- 22.8** Length and horsepower restrictions of the DAS leasing program.
- 22.9** Access to GOM Haddock Sink Gillnet program.
- 22.10** Access to the GOM Haddock Sink Gillnet program in May (continuation of the exemption from minimum mesh size to target haddock).
- 22.11** Daily Catch reporting by Sector Managers for Sector vessels that fish in the Closed Area 1 Hook Gear Haddock Special Access Program.
- 22.12** Gear Requirements in US/CA Management Area.
- 22.13** Requirement to maintain VMS powered while at dock.
- 22.14** Prohibition on fishing inside and outside of the CA I Hook Gear Haddock SAP while on the same trip.
- 22.15** Prohibition on a vessel hauling another vessel's hook gear
- 22.16** Requirement to declare intent to fish in the Eastern U.S./Canada SAP and CA II Yellowtail Flounder/Haddock SAP prior to leaving the dock.