



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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Updated Annual Catch Limits for Sectors, Common Pool and Herring Mid-water Trawl Vessels for Fishing Year 2014
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1. **Sector Catch Limits, Overages, and Carryover:** The sector and the common pool allocations have been adjusted based on final sector enrollment for the 2014 fishing year, as follows:
 - As of May 1, 2014, there are 845 vessels in sectors, 4 fewer than as of March 6, 2014.
 - Table 1 shows the final annual catch limits for fishing year (FY) 2014, including pound-for-pound reductions to pay back any FY 2013 overages, and carryover.
 - Table 2 compares the allocation between the Framework 51 final rule and May 1, 2014, sector rosters.
2. **Common Pool Reductions:** Based on a FY 2013 sub-Annual Catch Limit overage of 1 percent for Georges Bank (GB) cod and 7 percent for Gulf of Maine (GOM) haddock, we are reducing the FY 2014 GB cod and GOM haddock common pool sub-ACLs. Table 3 provides the common pool overage adjustments for GB cod and GOM haddock that we are implementing. Table 4 provides the updated trimester Total Allowable Catches (TACs) for GB cod and GOM haddock based on the final FY 2014 common pool sub-ACLs.
3. **Herring Mid-water Trawl Reduction:** Based on a FY 2013 sub-Annual Catch Limit overage of approximately 17 mt for GB haddock by the herring mid-water trawl (MWT) fishery, we are reducing the FY 2014 GB haddock herring MWT sub-ACL. Table 5 provides the herring MWT adjustments for GB haddock that we are implementing.
4. **U.S. Acceptable Biological Catches (ABCs).** Framework 51 included mis-specified ABCs for the three transboundary Georges Bank stocks that we jointly manage with Canada. Table 6 provides the correct U.S. ABCs for these stocks.

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Table 1. FINAL FISHING YEAR 2014 ACE FOR EACH SECTOR BY STOCK (1,000 lb)^{1,2}

| Sector Name | GB Cod East | GB Cod West | GOM Cod | GB Haddock East | GB Haddock West | GOM Haddock | GB Yellowtail Flounder | SNE/MA Yellowtail Flounder | CC/GOM Yellowtail Flounder | Plaice | Witch Flounder | GB Winter Flounder | GOM Winter Flounder | SNE/MA Winter Flounder | Redfish | White Hake | Pollock |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------|------------|---------|
| FGS | 90 | 1,049 | 50 | 1,271 | 1,028 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 32 | 31 | 29 | 2 | 206 | 47 | 673 | 567 | 2,271 |
| MCCS | 1 | 8 | 93 | 9 | 7 | 13 | 0 | 9 | 12 | 243 | 70 | 1 | 33 | 5 | 614 | 438 | 1,169 |
| M PB | 0 | 5 | 21 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 35 | 10 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 191 | 156 | 492 |
| NCCS | 1 | 7 | 17 | 27 | 22 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 8 | 106 | 81 | 155 |
| NEFS 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NEFS 2 | 19 | 220 | 367 | 2,358 | 1,932 | 86 | 11 | 19 | 215 | 253 | 169 | 248 | 307 | 93 | 3,636 | 593 | 3,480 |
| NEFS 3 | 4 | 48 | 290 | 32 | 26 | 49 | 0 | 5 | 98 | 130 | 38 | 2 | 158 | 22 | 330 | 473 | 2,095 |
| NEFS 4 | 14 | 157 | 186 | 1,173 | 948 | 44 | 12 | 32 | 61 | 299 | 100 | 53 | 104 | 36 | 1,631 | 802 | 1,890 |
| NEFS 5 | 3 | 30 | 0 | 233 | 188 | 2 | 9 | 302 | 5 | 16 | 9 | 40 | 1 | 340 | 19 | 12 | 32 |
| NEFS 6 | 9 | 108 | 59 | 645 | 521 | 20 | 15 | 71 | 42 | 125 | 68 | 116 | 76 | 55 | 1,304 | 389 | 1,014 |
| NEFS 7 | 15 | 178 | 8 | 1,018 | 830 | 2 | 57 | 55 | 26 | 114 | 44 | 1,003 | 13 | 148 | 144 | 82 | 219 |
| NEFS 8 | 20 | 232 | 9 | 1,323 | 1,063 | 1 | 63 | 81 | 71 | 55 | 35 | 1,194 | 53 | 285 | 135 | 51 | 187 |
| NEFS 9 | 46 | 539 | 33 | 2,560 | 2,069 | 25 | 150 | 107 | 116 | 266 | 111 | 3,040 | 41 | 528 | 1,423 | 413 | 1,301 |
| NEFS 10 | 2 | 28 | 105 | 55 | 45 | 13 | 0 | 7 | 141 | 55 | 27 | 1 | 305 | 21 | 134 | 89 | 427 |
| NEFS 11 | 1 | 15 | 265 | 8 | 7 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 66 | 25 | 0 | 37 | 1 | 474 | 468 | 2,856 |
| NEFS 13 | 26 | 300 | 19 | 3,519 | 2,848 | 5 | 139 | 251 | 56 | 165 | 83 | 559 | 39 | 311 | 977 | 173 | 698 |
| NH PB | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 32 |
| SHS 1 | 67 | 779 | 395 | 7,573 | 6,097 | 225 | 79 | 112 | 147 | 1,270 | 414 | 1,330 | 172 | 551 | 12,580 | 5,051 | 12,162 |
| SHS 3 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 89 | 76 | 0 | 12 | 31 | 13 | 21 | 8 | 36 | 23 | 32 | 45 | 15 | 23 |
| Sector Total | 320 | 3711 | 1942 | 21903 | 17713 | 520 | 552 | 1096 | 1075 | 3151 | 1243 | 7630 | 1589 | 2484 | 24421 | 9862 | 30501 |

¹All ACE values for sectors assume that each sector permit is valid for FY 2014.

² These values include any carryover and deductions from FY 2013 sector ACE underages or overages.

Table 2. COMPARISON OF ALLOCATIONS BETWEEN THE FW 51 FINAL RULE, AND MAY 1, 2014, SECTOR ROSTERS (mt) ¹

| | GB Cod | GOM Cod | GB Haddock | GOM Haddock | GB Yellowtail Flounder | SNE/MA Yellowtail Flounder | CC/GOM Yellowtail Flounder | Plaice | Witch Flounder | GB Winter Flounder | GOM Winter Flounder | SNE/MA Winter Flounder | Redfish | White Hake | Pollock |
|---|--------|---------|------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------|------------|---------|
| Total Commercial Allocation | 1769 | 1316 | 17171 | 307 | 254.5 | 564 | 479 | 1382 | 610 | 3385 | 715 | 1210 | 10565 | 4278 | 13224 |
| FY 2014 Common Pool Allocation based on FY 2013 sector membership | 34 | 19 | 122 | 2 | 4 | 98 | 16 | 25 | 12 | 26 | 32 | 138 | 38 | 29 | 86 |
| Adjusted FY 2014 Common Pool Allocation | 33 | 19 | 119 | 2 | 4 | 102 | 16 | 26 | 12 | 29 | 32 | 147 | 44 | 30 | 85 |
| % Change | -2.94% | 0.00% | -2.46% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 4.08% | 0.00% | 4.00% | 0.00% | 11.54% | 0.00% | 6.52% | 15.79% | 3.45% | -1.16% |
| FY 2014 Sector Allocation based on FY 2013 sector membership | 1735 | 811 | 17049 | 218 | 250 | 466 | 463 | 1357 | 598 | 3359 | 683 | 1072 | 10527 | 4249 | 13138 |
| Adjusted FY 2014 Sector Allocation | 1736 | 811 | 17052 | 218 | 251 | 462 | 463 | 1356 | 598 | 3356 | 683 | 1063 | 10521 | 4248 | 13139 |
| % Change | 0.06% | 0.00% | 0.02% | 0.00% | 0.40% | -0.86% | 0.00% | -0.07% | 0.00% | -0.09% | 0.00% | -0.84% | -0.06% | -0.02% | 0.01% |

¹All sector values assume that each sector permit is valid for FY 2014.

Table 3. FY 2014 Common Pool Overage Adjustment (mt)

| Stock | Fishing Year 2013 Overage | Initial Fishing Year 2014 Common Pool sub-ACL | Adjusted Fishing Year 2014 Common Pool sub-ACL |
|-------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| GB Cod | 2.3 | 34 | 31.7 |
| GOM Haddock | 1.2 | 2 | 0.8 |

Table 4. Fishing Year 2014 Common Pool Trimester TACs (mt)

| Stock | Trimester 1 TAC | Trimester 2 TAC | Trimester 3 TAC |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| GB Cod | 8.0 | 11.9 | 12.2 |
| GOM Haddock | 0.22 | 0.21 | 0.38 |

Table 5. FY 2014 Herring MWT Overage Adjustment (mt)

| Stock | FY 2013 Overage | Initial FY 2014 Herring MWT sub-ACL | Adjusted FY 2014 Herring MWT sub-ACL |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| GB Haddock | 16.98 mt | 179 mt | 162.02 mt |

Table 6. U.S. Acceptable Biological Catches for Transboundary Stocks.

| Stock | U.S. ABC |
|------------------------|----------|
| GB Cod | 1,960 |
| GB Haddock | 19,229 |
| GB Yellowtail Flounder | 328 |