



Northeast Region Bulletin

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Northeast Multispecies Common Pool Vessels

1) Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic Winter Flounder Trip Limit Adjustment

Effective: August 28, 2013, through April 30, 2014

The trip limit for Southern New England (SNE)/Mid-Atlantic (MA) winter flounder is decreased for all common pool vessels to **300 lb/trip**.

2) Gulf of Maine Haddock Trip Limit Adjustment

Effective: August 28, 2013, through April 30, 2014

The trip limit for Gulf of Maine (GOM) haddock is decreased for all common pool vessels to **0 lb/trip**.

If you have declared your trip through the vessel monitoring system (VMS) or interactive voice response (IVR) system, and crossed the VMS demarcation line prior to August 28, 2013, you will not be subject to the new trip limits for that trip. Please contact us at (978) 281-9315 if you have any questions. Quota monitoring reports are updated weekly on the internet at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is this action being taken?	We are adjusting the trip limits to prevent an overage of the common pool annual quotas.
How much of the annual quota has been caught of each stock?	Based on recent data, 73% of the SNE/MA winter flounder annual quota has been caught, and 102% of the GOM haddock annual quota has been caught.
What happens if the annual quota is exceeded?	If the FY 2013 quota is exceeded, the amount of the overage will be deducted from the common pool's annual quota next year (i.e., FY 2014).
What happened with the Trimester TAC closure for GOM haddock?	Statistical areas 513, 514, and 515 reopen at the beginning of Trimester II, at 0001 hours, September 1, 2013, but with zero possession of GOM haddock.

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