



# Northeast Region Bulletin

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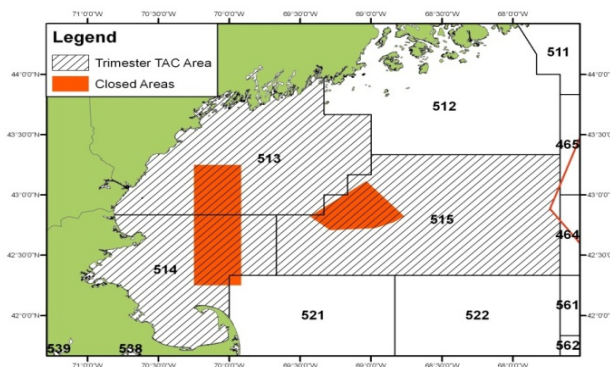
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## Northeast Multispecies Common Pool Vessels

GOM Haddock Trimester TAC Area Closed for Trimester 3  
*Effective: January 1 through April 30, 2014*

Based on available data, we have determined that the Trimester 3 Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for Gulf of Maine (GOM) haddock has been harvested due to an overage that occurred in Trimester 1. Therefore, effective 0001 hours, January 1, 2014, statistical areas 513, 514, and 515 are closed for all of Trimester 3, through April 30, 2014, to all common pool vessels fishing with trawl gear, sink gillnet gear, and longline/hook gear. This area will reopen at the beginning of Trimester 1 of the 2014 fishing year, at 0001 hours, May 1, 2014.



### Straddle Trips

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 January 1, 2014, you may complete your trip in part, or all, in the Trimester TAC Area in the GOM.

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>.

<i>Frequently Asked Questions</i>	
<b>Why is this action being taken?</b>	We have to close the GOM Haddock Trimester TAC Area when the Trimester TAC is caught.
<b>What happens once a Trimester TAC is exceeded?</b>	For GOM haddock, if there is an overage of either the Trimester 1 or 2 TAC, it results in a reduction of the Trimester 3 TAC. A Trimester that has no remaining TAC must be closed.
<b>How much of the quota has been caught of each stock?</b>	An overage of GOM haddock catch from Trimester 1 was applied to the Trimester 3 TAC, totaling 149% of the Trimester 3 TAC. Therefore, there is no remaining TAC for Trimester 3.
<b>What happens if the annual quota is exceeded?</b>	Overages of the common pool's sub-Annual Catch Limit (sub-ACL) at the end of the fishing year will be deducted from the common pool's sub-ACL the following fishing year

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