



Northeast Region Bulletin

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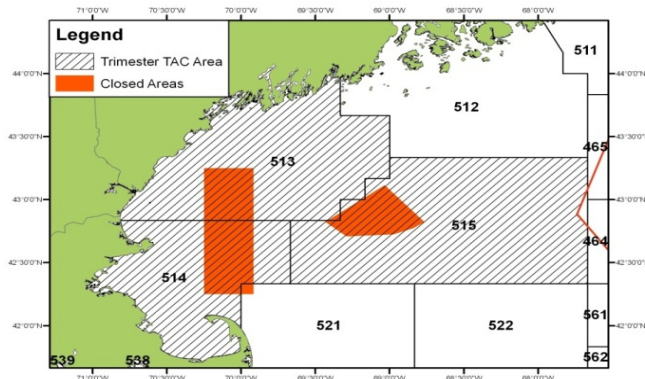
Northeast Multispecies Common Pool Vessels

- 1) Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic Winter Flounder Trip Limit Adjustment
Effective: July 16 through April 30, 2014

Effective July 16, the trip limit for Southern New England (SNE)/Mid-Atlantic (MA) winter flounder is decreased for all common pool vessels to **1,000 lb/trip**.

- 2) Trimester Total Allowable Catch Area Closed for the Remainder of Trimester I
Effective: July 16 through August 31, 2013

Based on available data, we have determined that the Trimester I Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for Gulf of Maine (GOM) haddock has been harvested. Therefore, effective 0001 hours, July 16, statistical areas 513, 514, and 515 are closed for the remainder of Trimester I, through August 31, 2013, 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 II, at 0001 hours, September 1, 2013.



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 July 16, 2013, you will not be subject to the new trip limit for SNE/MA winter flounder for that trip, and, 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>	
Why is this action being taken?	For SNE/MA winter flounder, we are adjusting the trip limit to prevent an overage of the common pool annual quota. For GOM haddock, we have to close the Trimester TAC Area when the Trimester TAC is caught.
How much of the quota has been caught of each stock?	Based on recent data, 59.1% of the SNE/MA winter flounder quota has been caught, and 207.4% of the GOM haddock Trimester TAC has been caught.
What happens if the annual quota is exceeded?	Accountability measures would be put in place for fishing year (FY) 2014, beginning May 1, 2014, this includes a pound-for-pound payback in FY 2014.
What happens once a Trimester TAC is exceeded?	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.

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