



Northeast Region Bulletin

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Northeast Multispecies Limited Access Permit Holders Updated Annual Catch Limits for Sectors and the Common Pool for Fishing Year 2013 Effective June 10, 2013

1. **Catch Limits:** The sector and the common pool allocations have been adjusted based on final sector enrollment for the 2013 fishing year, as follows:
 - As of May 1, 2013, there are 851 vessels in sectors and 529 vessels in the common pool.
 - Table 1 shows the final annual catch limits for fishing year 2013.
 - Table 2 shows the preliminary allocations for each sector based on its May 1, 2013, final roster.
2. **Trip Limit Correction:** The Framework Adjustment 50 Final Rule announced a trip limit of 500 lb/day-at-sea (DAS) for Gulf of Maine (GOM) winter flounder. However, table 7 in the bulletin you received at the beginning of the fishing year announced a trip limit of 250 lb/DAS for GOM winter flounder. We want to clarify that the current trip limit for GOM winter flounder is 500 lb/DAS.
3. **Special Access Program Information:** The FY 2013 total allowable catch (TAC) of Georges Bank haddock for the Closed Area I (CA I) Hook Gear Haddock Special Access Program (SAP) is 1,932 mt. This is the maximum amount of haddock that can be caught in this SAP by sector and common pool vessels in FY 2013. We will close the CA I Hook Gear Haddock SAP to all vessels when this TAC is caught. We inadvertently omitted this TAC from the Framework Adjustment 50 final rule.
4. **Gear Stowage Reminder:** All groundfish vessels, including trawl vessels, are still required to stow their gear consistent with the regulations at 50 CFR 648.23(b) when transiting closed areas. No changes or exceptions were made for fishing year 2013.
5. **Electronic Bulletins:** You may also receive permit holder letters by e-mail, including closure notices, by visiting our website and clicking on the “Fishing Industry and Seafood Dealers” link and then selecting “Permit Holder Letters.”

For small entity compliance guides, this bulletin complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996. This notice is authorized by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Region.

Table 1. COMPARISON OF ALLOCATIONS BETWEEN THE FW 50 FINAL RULE, AND MAY 1, 2013, 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	1807	830	26196	187	116.8	570	479	1420	610	3528	714.7	1210	10132	3949	12893
FY 2013 Common Pool Allocation based on FY 2012 sector membership	30	16	72	1	1.3	114	12	24	9	20	24	142	41	31	83
Adjusted FY 2013 Common Pool Allocation	32	18	85	2	1	96	13	25	11	22	26	136	40	27	91
% Change	6.67%	14.24%	18.06%	59.09%	7.69%	-16.17%	11.69%	3.75%	18.44%	10.87%	10.04%	-4.27%	-2.11%	-11.73%	9.04%
FY 2013 Sector Allocation based on FY 2012 sector membership	1777	814	26124	186	115.4	456	467	1396	601	3508	690	1068	10091	3818	12810
Adjusted FY 2013 Sector Allocation	1775	812	26111	185	115	474	466	1395	599	3506	688	1074	10092	3822	12802
% Change	-0.11%	-0.28%	-0.05%	-0.32%	0.00%	4.04%	-0.30%	-0.06%	-0.28%	-0.06%	-0.25%	0.57%	0.01%	0.10%	-0.06%

¹All sector values assume that each sector permit is valid for FY 2013.

Table 2. FINAL FISHING YEAR 2013 ACE FOR EACH SECTOR BY STOCK (1,000 lb)¹²

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	56	1048	44	477	2852	8	0	4	29	28	28	2	59	44	612	482	2097
MCCS	0	8	84	3	20	11	0	8	11	237	68	1	31	5	559	373	1080
Maine	0	5	21	4	22	5	0	0	3	36	10	0	7	0	184	140	480
NCCS	0	6	14	10	60	1	2	9	6	5	3	5	14	8	96	67	120
NEFS 2	13	234	336	988	5905	68	5	19	205	254	175	257	291	99	3583	537	3465
NEFS 3	3	47	263	12	72	40	0	4	90	127	38	2	147	21	299	401	1917
NEFS 4	8	156	176	440	2630	34	6	29	58	291	114	54	98	23	1483	684	1746
NEFS 5	2	30	0	87	521	1	4	289	5	15	9	40	1	330	17	10	30
NEFS 6	6	108	53	242	1446	16	7	65	38	121	70	113	69	51	1186	332	936
NEFS 7	11	197	7	410	2451	2	29	57	30	112	44	1155	13	169	131	70	206
NEFS 8	12	232	9	469	2806	1	28	73	68	52	34	1138	53	269	120	43	170
NEFS 9	29	538	32	960	5741	20	69	100	110	259	111	3073	38	497	1303	352	1202
NEFS 10	1	28	96	21	124	10	0	7	135	56	33	1	425	20	122	77	396
NEFS 11	1	15	205	3	18	10	0	0	22	42	20	0	30	0	209	199	1837
NEFS 12	0	1	44	0	1	4	0	0	5	23	8	0	5	0	237	212	842
NEFS 13	16	301	17	1331	7958	4	64	238	53	162	84	580	37	294	889	148	646
NH	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	7	32
SHS 1	40	745	357	2738	16370	174	34	104	136	1231	461	1269	162	493	11172	4279	11009
SHS 3	1	17	9	53	318	1	6	39	22	23	11	38	36	44	43	13	17
Sectors Total	199	3716	1790	8249	49316	409	254	1046	1026	3076	1321	7729	1517	2368	22249	8425	28225
Common Pool	4	65	40	27	160	4	3	211	30	55	24	49	58	300	88	60	200

¹All ACE values for sectors assume that each sector permit is valid for FY 2013.

² These values do not include any potential ACE carryover or deductions from FY 2012 sector ACE underages or overages. Adjustments for any carryover or deductions will be made in a future action following reconciliation.