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Northeast Multispecies Fishery
Changes to Haddock Annual Catch Limits
Effective September 14, 2011

The Gulf of Maine (GOM) and Georges Bank (GB) haddock Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) for the Northeast multispecies fishery have changed. Framework Adjustment 46 (Framework 46) to the Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) has increased the haddock incidental catch cap allocated to the Atlantic herring fishery, reducing the portion of these ACLs available to the commercial NE multispecies fishery. The adjusted fishing year (FY) 2011 sub-ACLs available to the common pool and sectors, and sector Annual Catch Entitlements (ACEs) are in the tables that follow.

Questions You May Have

When are the measures in this letter effective?

Unless otherwise indicated, these measures are effective on September 14, 2011.

Are there other details that you have not described in this letter?

We have summarized only the measures that are essential to your day-to-day fishing operations for the remainder of fishing year 2011. If you want to learn more about other measures and details in Framework 46, we have posted additional information on our website at: <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/sfd/sfdmulti.html>.

Does Framework 46 change the FY 2011 sector GOM and GB haddock ACEs?

Yes, Framework 46 increased the sub-ACL allocated to the Atlantic herring fishery to 1% of the GOM haddock Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) and 1% of the GB haddock ABC (up from 0.2% GOM and GB haddock combined). This reduced the amount of the haddock ACLs available to be divided between sectors and the Common Pool. New sector ACEs are in Table 1.

Does Framework 46 change the FY 2011 sector Eastern GB haddock ACEs?

No. A sector's Eastern GB haddock ACE is determined by the amount of Eastern GB haddock allocated through the U.S./Canada Understanding. The amount of Eastern GB haddock available to the NE multispecies commercial fishery (sectors and Common Pool) has not changed.

Have the FY 2011 Common Pool GOM and GB haddock sub-ACLs changed?

Yes. Framework 46 increased the sub-ACL allocated to the herring fishery, which reduced the amount of the haddock ACLs available to sectors and the Common Pool. New Common Pool sub-ACLs are in Table 1.



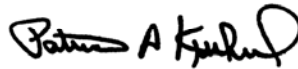
Have the sub-ACLs for other NE multispecies stocks changed?

No. The sub-ACLs for stocks other than haddock published for sectors and the common pool in the adjustment rule published June 15, 2011, remain the same.

Whom can I call if I have a question about any of the measures?

Please call the Sustainable Fisheries Division staff at (978) 281-9315. They can answer your questions or direct you to other Northeast Regional Office staff who can.

Sincerely,



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Table 1 – Final ACE Each Sector Would Receive by Stock for FY 2011 (1,000 lb and mt, live weight)*

Sector Name (Defined Below)	GOM Haddock		GB Haddock West	
	1,000 lb	mt	1,000 lb	mt
FGS	22.43	10.17	2932.44	1330.13
MPBS	1.31	0.60	3.89	1.77
NCCS	5.83	2.64	55.98	25.39
NEFS 2	314.38	142.60	5303.39	2405.58
NEFS 3	211.05	95.73	74.26	33.68
NEFS 4	103.17	46.80	2466.58	1118.82
NEFS 5	5.56	2.52	1810.76	821.35
NEFS 6	65.35	29.64	1348.52	611.68
NEFS 7	9.64	4.37	1749.59	793.60
NEFS 8	3.68	1.67	2696.94	1223.31
NEFS 9	80.58	36.55	5524.58	2505.91
NEFS 10	44.32	20.10	144.18	65.40
NEFS 11	42.94	19.48	16.57	7.52
NEFS 12	14.73	6.68	1.22	0.55
NEFS 13	14.70	6.67	6869.34	3115.88
PCCGS	36.78	16.68	14.58	6.62
SHS 1	688.04	312.09	13301.48	6033.45
SHS 3	26.04	11.81	899.84	408.16
TSS	7.95	3.60	668.28	303.13
All Sectors Combined	1698.46	770.41	45882.44	20811.93
Common Pool	16.74	7.59	282.35	128.07

-Georges Bank Cod Fixed Gear Sector (FGS), Maine Permit Banking Sector (MPBS), Northeast Coastal Communities Sector (NCCS), Northeast Fishery Sector (NEFS), Port Clyde Community Groundfish Sector (PCCGS), Sustainable Harvest Sector (SHS), and Tri-State Sector.

*All ACE values for sectors outlined in Table 3 assume that each sector Moratorium Right Identifier has a valid permit for FY 2011. ACE values are based on final FY 2011 sector rosters submitted May 1, 2011.

Table 2 – Distribution of Groundfish Sub-ACL Between Common Pool and Sector Vessels for FY 2011 and FY 2012 (mt, live weight)

Stock	Groundfish sub-ACL		Common Pool sub-ACL		Sector sub-ACL	
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2011	FY 2012*	FY 2011	FY 2012*
GOM haddock....	1,086	912	8	6	770	647
GB haddock**	30,580	25,911	187	158	30,393	25,753

* The FY 2012 common pool and sector sub-ACLs are based on final FY 2011 sector rosters submitted to NMFS May 1, 2011. It is almost certain that the FY 2012 sub-ACLs for the common pool and sectors will change and be re-specified prior to FY 2012 due to annual changes in sector rosters.