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## SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Subject: New or Revised Management Measures for Fishing Year (FY) 2011

Dear Federal Northeast (NE) Multispecies Seafood Dealer Permit Holder:

**This letter is to inform you of regulations affecting dealers for FY 2011, including those approved under Framework Adjustment 45 (FW 45) to the NE Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The measures explained in this letter became effective on May 1, 2011.** This letter is only a summary of the actual regulations, which you are encouraged to read, and are not considered a substitute for the regulations. The full regulations are available on the Northeast Regional Office website ([www.nero.noaa.gov](http://www.nero.noaa.gov)), or by calling 978-281-9315.

**Trip Limits:** Dealers may not purchase or receive fish from a vessel in excess of a vessel's trip limit.

- Common pool vessels (i.e., those not participating in a sector) are subject to the trip limits listed in Table 1 below. It is important to note that these trip limits could be revised during FY 2011. If these trip limits change, another letter will be sent to you detailing the revised trip limits.
- Sector vessels are not limited in the amount of groundfish that can be caught per trip, except that sector vessels are prohibited from possessing any amount of ocean pout, windowpane flounder, Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic winter flounder, and Atlantic wolffish, and may only land one Atlantic halibut per trip.

Please call the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315 if you have any questions regarding the information in this letter, or the management measures for FY 2011.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

*This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996.*



**Table 1: 2011 Common Pool Trip Limits.**

Species	Stock Area <sup>1</sup>	A DAS	Handgear A	Handgear B	Eastern US/Canada Haddock SAP <sup>3</sup>	Regular B DAS Program	
						Separator or Ruhle Trawl <sup>3</sup>	Non-Trawl Gear
Cod	GOM	500 lb/DAS, up to 2,000 lb/trip	300 lb/trip	75 lb/trip	1,000 lb/trip	100 lb/DAS, up to 1,000 lb/trip	
	OFF GB, IN GB, and SNE	3,000 lb/DAS, up to 30,000 lb/trip (outside of the Eastern U.S./Canada Area) <sup>2</sup>	300 lb/trip	75 lb/trip			
		500 lb/DAS, up to 5,000 lb/trip (E. U.S./Canada Area)					
		1,000 lb/trip Closed Area I Hook Gear Haddock SAP -or- Closed Area II Yellowtail Flounder/Haddock SAP (for targeting haddock)					
Haddock	GOM	1,000 lb/trip					
	OFF GB, IN GB, and SNE	10,000 lb/trip					
Pollock	All Areas	Unlimited			100 lb/DAS to 1,000 lb/trip		
Redfish	All Areas	Unlimited					
White hake	All Areas	1,500 lb/trip			100 lb/DAS to 1,000 lb/trip		
Atlantic halibut	All Areas	1 fish/trip					
Yellowtail flounder	GOM, IN GB	500 lb/DAS, up to 2,000 lb/trip			NA	25 lb/DAS to 250 lb/trip	
	SNE	500 lb/DAS, up to 2,000 lb/trip					
	OFF GB	2,500 lb/trip			100 lb/DAS, up to 500 lb/trip of all flatfish combined	100 lb/DAS for each stock, up to 500 lb/trip of all flatfish combined	100 lb/DAS, to 1,000 lb/trip
American plaice (dabs)	All Areas	Unlimited		500 lb/trip of all flatfish combined	100 lb/DAS, to 1,000 lb/trip		
Witch flounder (gray sole)	All Areas	250 lb/trip		100 lb/trip	100 lb/DAS, to 250 lb/trip		
Winter flounder	OFF GB	1,000 lb/trip			100 lb/DAS, to 1,000 lb/trip		
	GOM	250 lb/trip		NA	250 lb/trip		
	SNE	Zero – possession prohibited <sup>4</sup>					
Windowpane Flounder	All Areas	Zero – possession prohibited					
Ocean Pout							
Atlantic Wolffish							

<sup>1</sup> Broad Stock Areas: Gulf of Maine (GOM), Inshore Georges Bank (IN GB), Offshore Georges Bank (OFF GB), and Southern New England (SNE)

<sup>2</sup> Vessel must submit GOM Cod Trip Limit Exemption Form via VMS

<sup>3</sup> Gear performance trip limits of 500 lb all flatfish combined, 500 lb whole monkfish (unless otherwise restricted by trip limits of the monkfish FMP), 500 lb whole skate, and zero lobsters also apply

<sup>4</sup> A vessel may transit the InGB and SNE areas with GOM or OffGB winter flounder on board, provided that fishing gear is properly stowed.