

United States Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Service
Northeast Region
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## Dear Limited Access Northeast Multispecies Permit Holder:

A potential sector contribution (PSC) is the share of a stock's quota that a permit contributes to a sector. PSCs are based on the percentage of the total commercial catch a particular permit was responsible for during the 11 fishing years (FY) of 1996-2006. The PSCs for your permit (Permit #, MRI #) for FY 2012 are provided in Table 1. We have also included your base days-at-sea (DAS) allocations for FY 2012 in Table 2.

Your PSCs have been updated for FY 2012 and may have either increased or decreased from FY 2011 depending on the changes made to the rest of the vessels in the fleet. Changes to the PSCs for FY 2012 are the result of corrections made to the dealer and vessel data that are used to calculate PSCs, as well as the redistribution of PSCs associated with cancelled permits. The landings history of each permit that has been permanently cancelled has been divided equally among all remaining permits.

Table 1 contains both your updated FY 2012 PSCs, which will become effective May 1, 2012, and your current FY 2011 PSCs for comparison. Table 1 also includes an estimate of the pounds your permit would contribute to a sector's annual catch entitlements (ACE). The estimate of pounds is based on your PSCs multiplied by the available groundfish Annual Catch Limit (ACL) for each stock. The FY 2012 groundfish ACLs in this letter may be revised by Framework (FW) 47 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The estimate and ACLs are in live pounds. The amount of pounds that could be landed would be lower if fish are not landed whole.

If you have any further questions about information provided in this letter, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at 978-281-9315. For questions concerning data corrections you may contact Vic Vecchio at 978-675-2160. Questions about carryover of FY 2010 ACE should be directed to sector managers.

Sincerely,

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## Table 1 – PSCs for FYs 2011 and 2012 and ESTIMATED ACE Contributions for FY 2012 for: F/V , Permit # , MRI #

Individual permits do not have separate PSCs for Eastern GB cod or Eastern GB haddock, only overall PSCs for GB cod and GB Haddock. Therefore this table does not include PSCs for Eastern GB cod or Eastern GB haddock.

	Your PSC (%)		ESTIMATED Available	Your ESTIMATED ACE Contribution
Stock	FY 2011	POTENTIAL FY 2012	ACL for FY 2012 * (live pounds)	for FY 2012 (live pounds)
Atlantic Cod				
GB			10,672,578	
GOM			10,643,918	
Haddock				
GB			57,611,198	
GOM			1,457,256	
Yellowtail Flounder				
GB			2,517,679	
SNE/MA			1,673,309	
CC/GOM			2,306,035	
American Plaice			7,226,753	
Witch Flounder			3,260,637	
Winter Flounder				
GB			5,059,609	
GOM			350,535	
Redfish			18,353,483	
White Hake			7,237,776	
Pollock			27,804,700	

<sup>\*</sup> FW 47 may revise ACLs that are effective May 1, 2012.

Table 2 - FY 2012 Expected DAS Base Allocation

Days-at-Sea Category	Allocation if Enrolled in a Sector	Allocation if Fishing In Common Pool
A DAS		
B Regular DAS		
B Reserve DAS		

Moratorium Right ID#: and Correspondence ID#: