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## Small Entity Compliance Guide

Subject: Extension to Sector Deadline for New Permit Holders

Dear Limited Access Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

**This letter extends the sector roster deadline for new permit holders to April 30, 2011**, for fishing year (FY) 2011 (May 1, 2011, through April 30, 2012).

This is intended to provide more flexibility to permit holders when an ownership change takes place, without disrupting the organization of sectors. Therefore, this deadline extension is only for permit holders who took ownership of their limited access NE multispecies permit(s) after December 1, 2010.

Interested permit holders must contact individual sector managers to join a sector. Please note that each sector may decide whether or not members may leave the sector, and whether or not to accept new members. No permit may be enrolled in more than one sector during FY 2011.

This letter supersedes deadlines included in previous letters from NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) dated July 29, 2010; August 18, 2010; and October 21, 2010.

If you have any questions about this letter or other regulations, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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

