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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Subject: Corrected Handgear A Measures for Fishing Year (FY) 2011

Dear Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you of an error found in the April 19, 2011, permit holder letter describing groundfish measures for FY 2011. On page 11, that letter mistakenly stated that a vessel issued a limited access Northeast multispecies Handgear A permit “may access” the Sector Rolling Closure Areas II, III, and IV in the Gulf of Maine (GOM) from April through June. Instead, the letter should have stated that a vessel issued a Handgear A permit “is subject to” these areas, and, therefore, may not fish within these areas during these months. The cross-hatched areas in Figures 1-3 below depict the Sector Rolling Closure Areas that Handgear A vessels are now subject to beginning on May 1, 2011.

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.

Figure 1: Sector GOM Rolling Closure Area II (April)

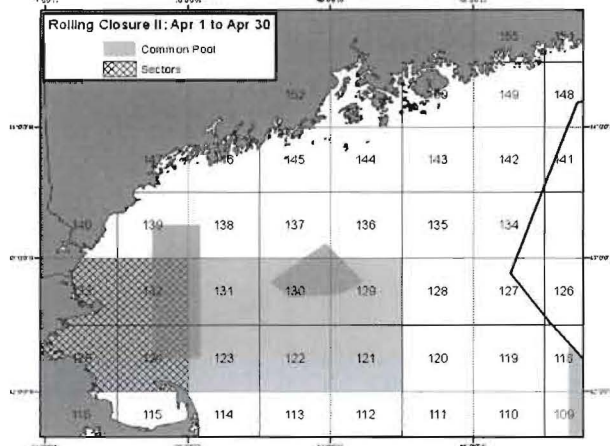


Figure 2: Sector GOM Rolling Closure Area III (May)

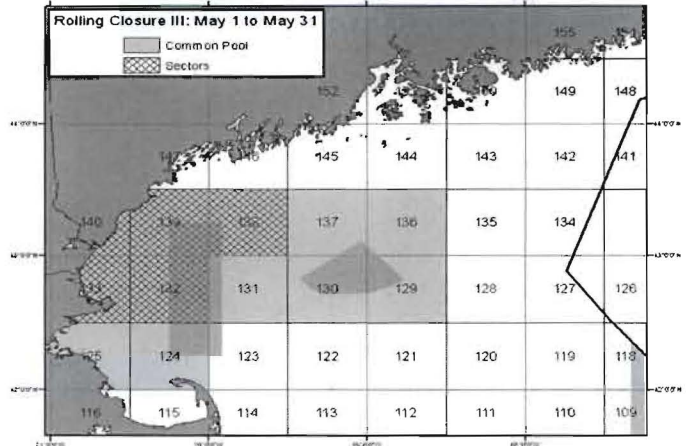


Figure 3: Sector GOM Rolling Closure Area IV (June)

