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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

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

Dear Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you of regulations implementing Framework Adjustment 45 (FW 45) to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan that are applicable to recreational vessels. The measures explained in this letter become effective on May 1, 2011. This letter is only a summary of the actual regulations, which you are encouraged to read.

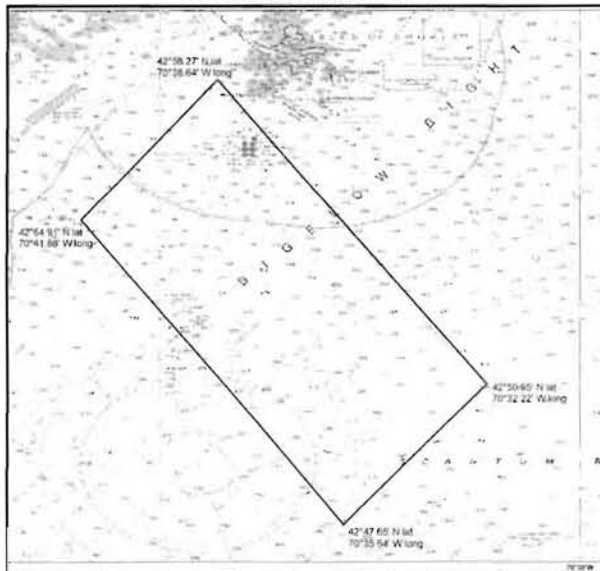
RECREATIONAL ALLOCATION OF GULF OF MAINE (GOM) COD AND HADDOCK

The Northeast multispecies recreational fishery, including both private recreational and charter/party vessels, shall be allocated 6,225,854 lb of GOM cod, and 679,024 lb of GOM haddock during FY 2011.

GOM COD SPAWNING PROTECTION AREA

To prevent fishing activities from interfering with known areas of spawning activity for GOM cod located just south of the Isle of Shoals off NH, the FW 45 final rule creates the GOM Cod Spawning Protection Area (see Figure 1). The provisions for this protection area are described below.

Figure 1: The GOM Cod Spawning Protection Area



Point	N. Latitude	W. Longitude
CSPA1	42° 50.95'	70° 32.22'
CSPA2	42° 47.65'	70° 35.64'
CSPA3	42° 54.91'	70° 41.88'
CSPA4	42° 58.27'	70° 38.64'



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- Pelagic hook-and-line gear is defined as handline or rod and reel gear that is designed to fish for, or that is being used to fish for, pelagic species. No portion of this gear may be operated in contact with the bottom at any time.

Possession Restrictions: Any vessel fishing in the GOM Cod Spawning Protection Area using pelagic hook-and-line gear is prohibited from possessing or retaining regulated species or ocean pout from April 1 through June 30 of each year.

Transiting: A recreational vessel is allowed to transit the GOM Cod Spawning Protection Area, provided all gear is stowed according to existing regulations.

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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