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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

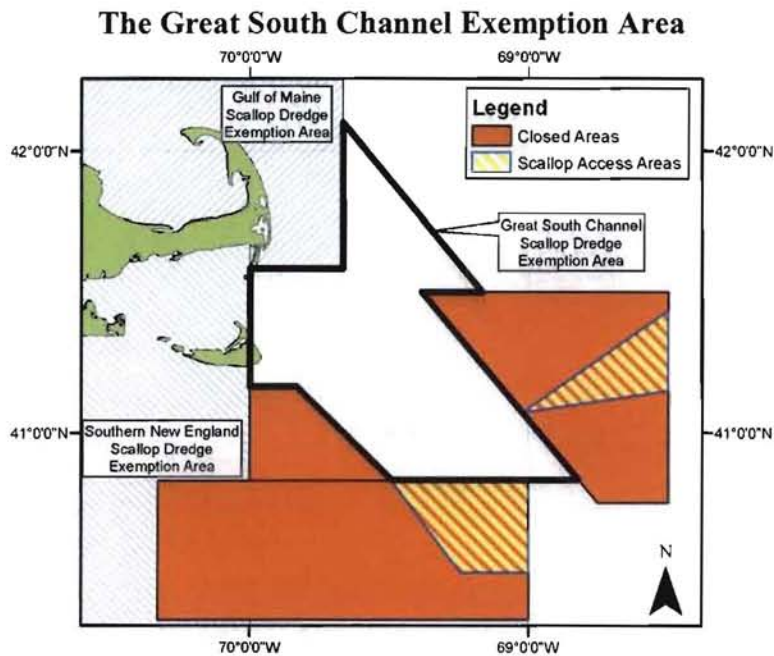
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Subject: New or Revised Management Measures for Fishing Year (FY) 2011

Dear Limited Access General Category (LAGC) Atlantic Sea Scallop Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you of regulations implementing new measures for FY 2011 approved under Framework Adjustment 45 (FW 45) to the NE Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The measures explained in this letter become effective on May 1, 2011.

FW 45 eliminates the yellowtail flounder spawning closure areas within the Great South Channel Exemption Area (see figure below). This allows LAGC scallop vessels, to fish within this area throughout the year in accordance with applicable scallop regulations. These yellowtail flounder spawning closure areas are no longer necessary because LAGC vessels are now subject to limits on the amount of scallops and, therefore, yellowtail flounder, that they may catch.



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,

POV Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

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