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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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NORTHEAST REGION
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Small Entity Compliance Guide

Dear Limited Access Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you that NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has made adjustments to the common pool and sector Annual Catch Limit (ACL) specifications of Framework Adjustment (FW) 44 and the resulting sector Annual Catch Entitlements (ACEs). In the proposed rule for FW 44, published on February 1, 2010, the ACLs for sectors and the common pool and the sector ACEs were based upon the sector rosters as of September 1, 2009, and in the final rule, published April 9, 2010, they were based upon the sector rosters as of January 22, 2010. In the proposed rule, NMFS indicated that these ACLs would need to be adjusted for FY 2010, because vessel owners who had enrolled in sectors as of January 22, 2010, could drop out of sectors through April 30, 2010 (and fish instead in the common pool). This adjustment has resulted in an increased amount of fish for the common pool for FY 2010.

Based on the final sector rosters submitted to NMFS on April 30, 2010, the final number of vessels electing to fish in sectors for FY 2010 is 762 (a reduction of 50 vessels from January 22, 2010). Below is a table of the previous, and the revised final sub-ACLs for sector and common pool vessels. 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 2010.

Sincerely,


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Regional Administrator

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Groundfish Sub-ACLs and Preliminary and Final Sub-ACLs for Sectors and the Common Pool for FY 2010 (mt). *

Stock	Groundfish Total	Preliminary Common Pool sub-ACL	Preliminary Sector sub-ACL	Final Common Pool sub-ACL	Final Sector sub-ACL
GB Cod	3,430	103	3,327	128	3,302
GOM Cod	7,240**	178	4,389	240	4,327
GB Haddock	40,440	202	40,238	254	40,186
GOM Haddock	1,149**	13	812	26	799
GB Yellowtail Flounder	964	21	943	23	941
SNE/MA Yellowtail Flounder	310	63	247	75	235
CC/GOM Yellowtail Flounder	779	31	748	50	729
American Plaice	2,848	71	2,777	100	2,748
Witch Flounder	852	19	833	25	827
GB Winter Flounder	1,852	26	1,826	29	1,823
GOM Winter Flounder	158†	20	138	25	133
SNE Winter Flounder	520	520	0	520	0
Redfish	6,846†	62	6,786	90	6,756
White Hake	2,556†	44	2,522	51	2,505
Pollock	2,748	47	2,701	62	2,686
N. Window pane	110	110	0	110	0
S. Window pane	154	154	0	154	0
Ocean Pout	239	239	0	239	0
Halibut	30	30	0	30	0
Wolffish	73	73	0	73	0

* All sub-ACL values for sectors outlined in Table 4 assume that each sector MRI has a valid permit for FY 2010.

** This contains the recreational sub-ACL as specified in FW 44 (75 FR 18356; April 9, 2010)

† Changed from FW 44 final rule due to minor differences in calculations