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## Small Entity Compliance Guide

### Subject: Extended Opportunity to Join a Sector for Fishing Year (FY) 2011

Dear Limited Access Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

This letter announces an extension to the opportunity for permit holders to sign a sector contract and for sectors to submit rosters for fishing year (FY) 2011 (May 1, 2011, through April 30, 2012). This letter supersedes deadlines included in a previous letter from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) dated July 29, 2010.

Amendment 16 to the NE Multispecies Fishery Management Plan established a September 1 deadline for sectors to submit an operations plan and sector contract for operations in the following fishing year. On July 29, 2010, a permit holder letter was mailed to you indicating that NMFS expected to inform permit holders of corrected Potential Sector Contributions (PSCs) for FY 2011 in mid-August. That letter also affirmed the September 1 requirement for roster submissions.

Due to the short time period between the receipt of FY 2011 PSCs and the required deadline for sectors to submit rosters, NMFS is extending the September 1 deadline to September 10, 2010, for sectors to submit these final FY 2011 rosters. This extended deadline, which is intended to provide permit holders additional time to make a decision whether or not to join a sector for FY 2011, is for sector rosters only and does not extend the September 1 deadline for all other submission requirements (i.e., sector operations plan and contract). Please note that a sector may set more restrictive deadlines for permit holders to join or exit the sector.

If you have any questions about the correction process, please contact the Fisheries Statistics Office at 978-675-2160. 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

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