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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
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## Small Entity Compliance Guide

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

Dear Limited Access Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

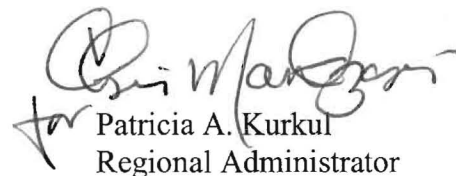
This letter is to inform you of the requirements for participating in a sector for FY 2011, and of changes that may affect your enrollment decision.

Sectors are required to submit an operations plan and roster to NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) by close of business on September 1, 2010, to operate in FY 2011. Rosters must be included by this deadline, as they are necessary to analyze the impact of sector operations. Permit holders may elect to withdraw from a sector after September 1, 2010, but no additional opportunities to join a sector for FY 2011 will be offered after that date. Please consider this as you make your decision to enroll or not enroll in a sector for FY 2011.

This letter also updates you on the date that NMFS expects to inform you of corrected Potential Sector Contributions (PSCs). In 2009, we began the process of evaluating PSC correction requests that would be applied to permit holders' PSCs for FY 2011. For correction requests received by December 31, 2009, NMFS completed the correction process and informed individuals of the outcome of requested corrections in June 2010. In addition to the requested corrections, NMFS has identified additional errors in the database used to generate the FY 2010 PSCs and has corrected them. This information is currently being reviewed internally for quality control, and release is intended for all limited access NE multispecies permit holders in mid-August 2010.

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,

  
Patricia A. Kurkul  
Regional Administrator

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