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## Small Entity Compliance Guide Revised Pollock Annual Catch Limits for Fishing Year 2010

Dear Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you that, as of July 15, 2010, the annual catch limits (ACLs) for pollock are revised (increased) for fishing year (FY) 2010, based upon a new, recently completed, scientific assessment of the status of the pollock resource. The revised catch limits for both common pool and sector vessels are contained in Tables 1 and 2 below, respectively. Sector members should contact their sector manager to determine what their revised potential sector contribution (PSC) is.

The current pollock trip limit for vessels fishing in the common pool (1,000 lb per day-at-sea up to 10,000 lb per trip) remains in effect.

Table 1. Pollock Sub-ACLs Catch Levels for FY 2010 (mt)

| Pollock Catch Limit | Pollock Specifications in FW 44 Adjustment | Pollock Revised<br>Specifications |
|---------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Groundfish sub-ACL  | 2,748                                      | 16,553                            |
| Sector sub-ACL      | 2,686                                      | 16,178                            |
| Common Pool sub-    | 62   | 375                               |



Table 2. Pollock Annual Catch Entitlement (ACE) by Individual Sector (mt)

| Sector              | Pollock ACE in | Pollock Revised |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                     | FW 44          | ACE             |
|                     | Adjustment     |                 |
| Fixed Gear          | 214            | 1,290           |
| NCCS                | 12             | 73              |
| NEFS 2              | 338            | 2,034           |
| NEFS 3              | 202            | 1,218           |
| NEFS 4              | 155            | 934             |
| NEFS 5              | 11             | 68              |
| NEFS 6              | 88             | 529             |
| NEFS 7              | 21             | 124             |
| NEFS 8              | 18             | 106             |
| NEFS 9              | 105            | 632             |
| NEFS 10             | 40             | 239             |
| NEFS 11             | 255            | 1,533           |
| NEFS 12             | 1              | 9               |
| NEFS 13             | 61             | 364             |
| Port Clyde          | 117            | 707             |
| Community           |                | _               |
| Sustainable Harvest | 1,047          | 6,309           |
| Tri-State           | 2              | 9               |
| Total               | 2,686          | 16,178          |

All ACE values for sectors assume that each sector member has a valid permit for FY 2010.

NCCS: Northeast Coastal Communities Sector; NEFS: Northeast Fishery Sectors

This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

This notice is authorized by the Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Region.