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## SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

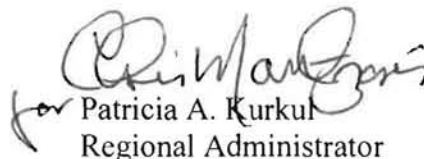
Dear Red Crab Vessel Permit Holder:

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is implementing the following in-season adjustment to the specifications for the 2010 red crab fishery, effective September 13, 2010:

- (1) The target total allowable catch is increased to 3.91 million lb; and
- (2) The fleet-wide days-at-sea (DAS) allocation is increased to 665 DAS.

A fleet allocation of 665 DAS results in an initial per vessel DAS allocation of 133 DAS for each of the five current limited access permits. However, one limited access permit holder formally declared out of the directed red crab fishery for fishing year (FY) 2010. Therefore, the resulting DAS allocation for FY 2010 is 166 DAS for each of the remaining four limited access permit holders, in addition to any FY 2009 carryover DAS. **In accordance with the regulations, any DAS used in FY 2010 (between March 1, 2010, and September 13, 2010) will be counted against this new allocation.**

Sincerely,

  
for Patricia A. Kurkul  
Regional Administrator

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