

United States Department of Commerce

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service Northeast Region 55 Great Republic Drive Gloucester, MA 01930

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Dear Limited Access Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

This letter contains your potential sector contribution (PSC) and the estimate of your permit's contribution to a sector's annual catch entitlement (ACE) for each stock if you enroll in a sector during Fishing Year (FY) 2011 (Table 1). We have also included your base days-at-sea (DAS) allocations for FY 2011 (Table 2).

Your PSC has been updated from the information previously distributed in April 2010. These revised PSCs are based on corrections we made to the dealer and vessel data that are used to calculate PSCs. The corrections resulted from requests we received from vessel owners and mostly reflect corrected attribution of landings to vessels or credit of landings to specific vessels where they were previously not assigned to any vessel. Other corrections were included as well such as removing some duplicate landings from our databases. Overall some vessels gained landings and thus this letter will show an increased PSC, while other vessels lost landings and may have a lower PSC. Only a small amount of new landings were added to our data. Together, these changes resulted in a slightly greater amount of landings being used in the calculations and thus updated PSCs for all permits regardless of whether any changes were made to your specific data.

Table 1 contains both your updated PSC which will become effective for FY 2011 and your previous PSC (from the April 29, 2010 letter) for comparison. Your permit's FY 2011 sector ACE contribution is based on your PSC, which is calculated as a percentage multiplied by the overall groundfish Annual Catch Limit (ACL) for each stock. The ACLs in this letter are for FY 2011 from Framework Adjustment (FW) 44, Table 4 (75 FR 18356; April 9, 2010) and are converted to live pounds from the metric tons listed in that table.

The New England Fishery Management Council is considering whether to revise the ACLs for pollock and Gulf of Maine winter flounder and will set the 2011 ACL for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder in Framework Adjustment 45. The FY 2011 ACL for pollock will likely change substantially based on our announcement in July 2010 of the increased ACL for FY 2010. The final ACEs will be issued once the final ACLs have been published in early 2011.



If you have any further questions about information provided in this letter, please contact Greg Power at 978-281-9304. For questions concerning data corrections you may contact Vic Vecchio at 978-675-2160.

Sincerely,

For Patricia A. Kurkul Regional Administrator

Chris Wantsoris

Attachment

cc: New England Fishery Management Council (without attachment)

Sector Mangers (without attachment)

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Table 1 – PSCs for FYs 2010 and 2011 and ESTIMATED ACE Contributions for FY 2011 for: F/V , Permit # , MRI

Individual permits do not have a specified PSC for Eastern GB cod or Eastern GB haddock, just an overall PSC for each of these stocks for GB. Therefore this table does not include PSCs for Eastern GB cod or Eastern GB haddock.

	Your PSC		ESTIMATED	
Stock	FY 2010 (April 2010)	(%) UPDATED for FY 2011	Total Stock ACL (live pounds)	Your ESTIMATED ACE Contribution (live pounds)
Atlantic Cod	(April 2010)	1 1 2011	(nve pounds)	(live pounds)
GB			11,173,027	
GOM			10,637,304	
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Haddock				
GB			92,889,569	
GOM			1,735,038	
Yellowtail Flounder				
GB			1,752,675	
SNE/MA			1,155,222	
CC/GOM			2,072,345	
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American Plaice			6,851,967	
Witch Flounder			2,724,914	
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Winter Flounder				
GB			4,424,678	
GOM			350,535	
Redfish			16,625,059	
White Hake			6,556,548	
Pollock			6,058,303	

Table 2 – FY 2011 DAS Base Allocation

Days-at-Sea	Allocation If Enrolled	Allocation if Fishing
Category	in a Sector	In Common Pool
A DAS		
B Regular DAS		
B Reserve DAS		