UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
55 Great Republic Drive
Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930

December 23, 2009

Name of Owner
Vessel Name
Address
City, State Zip Code

Dear Limited Access Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) at its November 17 – 19, 2009, meeting voted to approve the groundfish Annual Catch Limits (ACL) for fishing years (FY) 2010 – 2012. This action provides further details for FY 2010, including the ACLs for each allocated groundfish stock. The draft ACLs can be found on the Council's website at: www.nefmc.org/nemulti/index.html.

These ACLs will be used to determine the Annual Catch Entitlement (ACE) for each groundfish sector that was approved by the Council in Amendment 16 (A16) to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. While these numbers are preliminary until approved by NOAA Fisheries Service (NMFS), these ACLs can be used with your Potential Sector Contributions (PSC) to determine preliminary pounds of each species of groundfish your permit would contribute to the ACE of a sector.

Table 2 of the attachment to this letter contains your preliminary PSC for FY 2010, which was previously distributed to you in August, and your permit's preliminary ACE contribution in pounds for each allocated groundfish stock for that fishing year. If you have enrolled in one of the approved sectors for FY 2010, this information will be provided to your sector manager or representative. Your final PSC will be distributed in spring 2010.

Vessels fishing in the common pool in FY 2010 will be subject to a reduced DAS allocation under Amendment 16. Below is your permit's preliminary FY 2010 DAS allocation if it fishes in the common pool. However, DAS allocations cannot be finalized until A16 and Framework Adjustment 44 have been approved by NMFS and the current fishing year ends.

Your preliminary FY 2010 DAS base allocation is: A days-at-sea, B regular days-at-sea, and B reserve days-at-sea.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

Attachment (1)

cc: New England Fishery Management Council

Moratorium Right ID#: and Correspondence ID#:

Attachment

Table 1 - Key Definitions for Amendment 16 to the Multispecies Fisheries Management Plan

Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC): is a level of a stock or stock complex's annual catch that accounts for the scientific uncertainty in the estimate of overfishing level and any other scientific uncertainty.
Annual Catch Entitlement (ACE): refers to the amount (weight) of fish that the sector is authorized to catch in any specific fishing year. ACE is equal to the sector's share times the available catch, less any penalties due to overages.
Annual Catch Limit (ACL): is the level of annual catch of a stock or stock complex that serves as the basis for invoking AMs. ACL cannot exceed the ABC, but may be sub-divided into sector ACLs.
Accountability Measure (AM): A management measure that prevents ACL from being exceeded and correct or mitigate an overage of the ACL if it occurs.
Potential Sector Contribution (PSC): an individual permit's contribution to the total available catch or ACE for a species allocated to a sector.

Table 2 - Preliminary PSCs and ACE contributions for FY 2010 for F/V: , Permit #: , MRI:

Stock	Your PSC	Total Stock ACL (in pounds[1])	Your Preliminary ACE* Contribution (in pounds)
Atlantic Cod			
GB – East	%	745,163	
GB - West	%	6,816,694	
GOM	%	10,068,513	
Haddock			
GB – East	%	26,429,021	
GB - West	%	62,725,934	
GOM	%	1,818,814	
Yellowtail Flounder			
GB	%	2,438,313	
SNE/MA	%	961,216	
CC/GOM	%	1,717,401	
American Place	%	6,278,766	
Witch Flounder	%	1,878,339	
Winter Flounder			
GB	%	4,082,962	
GOM	%	348,330	
Redfish	%	15,092,849	
White Hake	%	5,635,016	
Pollock	%	6,058,304	

[1] Total Stock ACL is in pounds. This is converted from the Framework Adjustment 44, Table 2 which is in metric tons. To convert metric tons to pounds multiple by 2,204.623
* (PSC/100) x ACL=ACE

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