



United States Department of Commerce  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Northeast Region  
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Dear Limited Access Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform those of you who are considering participating in a Northeast multispecies sector for the 2010 fishing year that the National Marine Fisheries Service expects to be able to cover all or at least most of the costs of dockside monitors for the 2010 fishing year. We have set aside \$1.2 million that will be made available to sectors to defray the costs of dockside monitoring. The exact amount available to each sector will be determined after final sector rosters and operations plans are submitted to the agency which must occur by September 1, 2009.

We anticipate that available funding should be sufficient to cover the cost of dockside monitoring, assuming a 50% coverage rate as has been proposed by the New England Fishery Management Council for fishing year 2010. However, if funding should prove to be insufficient, any additional costs will have to be borne by the sectors. We expect that sectors will receive their funding in early calendar year 2010, in time to conduct final negotiations with the dockside monitor providers before the fishing year begins on May 1, 2010. For the 2010 fishing year, some funds also will be available to subsidize at-sea monitoring costs, including equipment, training, and data quality assurance/quality control.

For further questions about sectors, please call the Sustainable Fisheries Division at 978-281-9315.

*You may also receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, by e-mail by clicking on "Permit Holder Letters" on our website at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>; or via fax by providing a fax number through a written request to the above address, or by faxing your request to 978-281-9135.<sup>1</sup>*

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

<sup>1</sup> This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

