



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
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### Small Entity Compliance Guide

Dear Limited Access Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

The letter clarifies that, if a vessel owner or operator declares to the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program that he intends to fish in the Eastern U.S./Canada (U.S./CA) Area, the Western U.S./CA Area, or the Eastern U.S./Canada Haddock Special Access Program, the vessel must either fish in the area declared, or notify the Observer Program again, prior to trip departure, that the trip destination will be modified, in order to provide the Observer Program adequate time to make any changes necessary. Based on the new destination, the Observer Program may change the observer assignment status of the trip. Please provide as much notice as possible to avoid delays in the trip departure.

This clarification is necessary to ensure timely and adequate selection of vessels for observer deployment in the U.S./Canada Management Area (either the Eastern Area, Western Area, or Eastern U.S./CA Haddock Special Access Program), which will lead to accurate monitoring of the fishery.

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

