



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
One Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

January 29, 2008

Dear Northeast (NE) Multispecies Limited Access Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you of important deadlines for all Limited Access NE Multispecies vessels interested in participating in a sector for fishing year (FY) 2009 (May 1, 2009, through April 30, 2010).

As part of Amendment 16 to the NE Multispecies Fishery Management Plan, the New England Fishery Management Council is considering the creation of up to 17 new sectors, in addition to the two existing sectors, for implementation in FY 2009. To ensure there is sufficient time for the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to calculate the sector allocations for FY 2009, NMFS has specified deadlines by which Sector Managers will be required to provide information to serve as the basis of sector allocations.

Because Sector Managers must notify NMFS of their final roster of participants by one of two deadlines, any limited access multispecies vessel owner interested in participating in a sector for FY 2009, must work with his/her Sector Manager to finalize his/her membership documents, in time for the Sector Managers to meet the deadlines described below:

For sectors that wish to receive allocations based on individual catch histories, the Sector Manager must submit to NMFS a complete roster of participating vessels by March 1, 2008, and confidentiality releases must be provided to NMFS by June 1, 2008.

For sectors that are willing to accept allocations based on aggregate catch history data, which would not require confidentiality releases from vessel owners, the Sector Manager must submit to NMFS a complete roster of participating vessels by May 1, 2008.

In order to calculate sector allocations for FY 2009, vessels may not be removed from a sector roster after June 1, 2008.

Please contact a Sector Manager or the National Marine Fisheries Service at (978) 281-9315 if you have any questions regarding Sectors.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

cc. New England Fishery Management Council



List of Proposed Sectors for Amendment 16 Consideration:

- 1) GB Cod Fixed Gear Sector, Eric Brazer, **Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fisherman's Association**; PO Box 2 North Chatham, MA 02650; 508-945-2432
- 2) GB Cod Hook Sector, Eric Brazer, **Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fisherman's Association**; PO Box 2 North Chatham, MA 02650; 508-945-2432
- 3) Tri-State Sector, Eric Brazer, **Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fisherman's Association**; PO Box 2 North Chatham, MA 02650; 508-945-2432
- 4) Sustainable Harvest Sector, Hank Soule, **Portland Fish Exchange (& Gulf of Maine Research Institute)**
6 Portland Fish Pier, Portland, ME 04101; 207-773-0017 ext 104
- 5) Port Clyde Community Groundfish Sector, Glen Libby,
Gulf of Maine Research Institute (& Midcoast Fisherman's Association)
350 Commercial Street Portland, ME 04101; 207-372-6287
- 6) Gloucester/Boston Trawl Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank Sector
Northeast Seafood Coalition (NSC), Enzo Russo, 6 Fleet Woods Drive Gloucester, MA 01930. 978-283-9992
- 7) Gloucester Fixed Gear Sector; **NSC**, Peter Libro
273 Western Ave, Gloucester, MA 01930
- 8) Gloucester Trawl Western Gulf of Maine Sector; **NSC**, Joseph Orlando
7 Birch Grove Heights, Gloucester, MA 01930
- 9) New Bedford and Southern New England Fixed Gear Sector; **NSC**, William McCann
20 Aok St., Wareham, MA 02571
- 10) New Bedford Channel Trawl Sector; **NSC**, Richard Canastra, New Bedford Whaling City Auction 62 Hassey Street, New Bedford, MA 02740
- 11) New Bedford Deep Water Trawl Sector; **NSC**, Richard Canastra, New Bedford Whaling City Auction 62 Hassey Street New Bedford, MA 02740
- 12) New Hampshire and Southern Maine Fixed Gear Sector, **NSC**
Erik Anderson, 38 Georges Terrace, Portsmouth, NH 03801

- 13) New Hampshire and Southern Maine Trawl Gulf of Maine Sector
NSC, Dennis Robillard 278 River Road, Eliot, ME 03903
- 14) Point Judith and Southern New England Offshore Trawl Sector; NSC,
Fred Mattera 113 Lewiston Ave., West Kingston, RI 02892
- 15) Point Judith and Southern New England Trawl Sector; NSC, Chris Brown
35 Erica Court, West Kingston, RI 02892
- 16) South Shore Fixed Gear Sector; NSC, Edward Barrett
PO Box 62, Green Harbor, MA 02401
- 17) South Shore Trawl Sector, NSC, Edward Barrett
PO Box 62, Green Harbor, MA 02401
- 18) Vineyard Sector Plan;
Tom Osmer, West Tisbury Shellfish Warden, West Tisbury, MA 02575
- 19) Pier 6 Initiative;
Michael Walsh, c/o 24 Rockland Street, Natick, MA 01760
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SUMMARY INFO

CCCHFA: Sponsoring 3 Sectors
Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fisherman's Association (CCCHFA)
PO Box 2 North Chatham, MA 02650; 508-945-2432

NSC: Sponsoring 12 Sectors
Northeast Seafood Coalition (NSC)
30 Western Ave, Suite 213 Gloucester, MA 01930; 978-283-9992

GMRI: Sponsoring 2 Sectors
Gulf of Maine Research Institute
350 Commercial Street Portland, ME 04101; 207-372-6287

Independent: 2 Sectors

Vineyard Sector Plan
Tom Osmer, West Tisbury Shellfish Warden, West Tisbury, MA 02575

Pier 6 Initiative
Michael Walsh, c/o 24 Rockland Street, Natick, MA 01760