



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

February 22, 2008

Dear Northeast (NE) Multispecies Limited Access Permit Holder:

This letter is being sent to you to clarify the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) January 29, 2008, permit holder letter informing 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). This letter also revises the attached list of sectors proposed in Amendment 16 to the NE Multispecies Fishery Management Plan to include updated contact information for many of the sectors.

As noted in NMFS's January 29, 2008, permit holder letter, the New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is considering the creation of up to 17 new sectors, in addition to modified versions of the two existing sectors, for inclusion in Amendment 16 to the NE Multispecies Fishery Management Plan, scheduled for implementation in FY 2009. It is unknown at this time whether Amendment 16 will include provisions to implement these new sectors, or whether NMFS will approve and adopt these provisions for implementation in FY 2009; however, in preparation for this possibility, we have specified deadlines by which Sector Managers or Representatives must provide complete rosters of vessels intending to participate in each of the 19 sectors being considered in Amendment 16. These deadlines have been set to ensure there is sufficient time for NMFS to calculate allocations for implementation of individual sector Operations Plans on May 1, 2009, should these sectors be approved by the Council and NMFS. **Any limited access NE multispecies vessel owners interested in participating in a sector for FY 2009 must contact the Sector Manager/Representative of the sector(s) of interest in time for the Sector Manager/Representative to meet the deadlines described below.**

**Please note: Individual vessel owners should not submit letters to NMFS stating their intent to join a sector. The complete sector roster must come from the Sector Manager/Representative of that sector.**

To receive individual catch histories for each prospective sector vessel, the Sector Manager/Representative must submit to NMFS a complete roster of participating vessels, postmarked by March 1, 2008, and confidentiality releases for those vessels must be provided to NMFS by June 1, 2008 (see below for further details).

Sector Managers/Representatives that are willing to accept allocations based on aggregate catch history data for each of their prospective sector vessels (which would not require confidentiality releases from vessel owners) must submit to NMFS a complete roster of participating vessels postmarked by May 1, 2008.

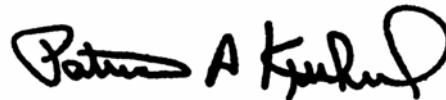


For individual catch histories, Sector Managers/Representatives for each sector must submit a formal letter signed by the Sector Manager/Representative, postmarked by March 1, 2008, to NMFS, which includes a complete roster of their sector vessels for implementation of their respective Operations Plans in FY 2009. The roster must include vessel name, permit number, and vessel owner. No sector vessels may be added to these rosters after March 1, 2008. Should sector vessels be removed from a sector roster after June 1, 2008, the necessary recalculation of that sector's allocations will result in a delay in the approval of that sector's Operations Plan. That delay will result in that sector's vessels being unable to fish between May 1, 2009, and the date when the Operations Plan is approved.

**Please note that NE multispecies limited access permitted vessels are not required to join a sector. Owners of such vessels who are not interested in participating in a sector during FY 2009 do not need to take any action.** Vessels that do not join a sector in FY 2009 would be subject to fish under the common-pool rules (i.e., non-sector rules) of Amendment 16 and would remain free to join a sector in future years, if they choose.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia A. Kurkul". The signature is stylized with a large initial "P" and a cursive "A".

Patricia A. Kurkul  
Regional Administrator

Attachment

cc: New England Fishery Management Council

CORRECTED List of Proposed Sectors for Amendment 16 Consideration:

\* Sectors with an asterisk have had changes to their contact information.

1) GB Cod Fixed Gear Sector

Sector Manager: Eric Brazer

**Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association**

PO Box 2 North Chatham, MA 02650; 508-945-2432

2) GB Cod Hook Sector \*

Sector Manager: John Pappalardo

**Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association**

210-E Orleans Road, North Chatham, MA 02650; 508-945-2432

3) Tri-State Sector

Sector Manager: Eric Brazer

**Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association**

PO Box 2 North Chatham, MA 02650; 508-945-2432

4) Sustainable Harvest Sector \*

Sector Representative: Cindy Smith

**Gulf of Maine Research Institute**

350 Commercial Street Portland, ME 04101; 207-228-1653

5) Port Clyde Community Groundfish Sector \*

Sector Representative: Cindy Smith

**Gulf of Maine Research Institute**

350 Commercial Street Portland, ME 04101; 207-228-1653

6) Gloucester/Boston Trawl Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank Sector \*

Sector Representative: Jackie Odell

**Northeast Seafood Coalition (NSC)**

30 Western Avenue, Suite 213, Gloucester, MA 01930; 978-283-9992

Community contact: Enzo Russo, 6 Fleet Woods Drive Gloucester, MA 01930

7) Gloucester Fixed Gear Sector \*

Sector Representative: Jackie Odell

**Northeast Seafood Coalition (NSC)**

30 Western Avenue, Suite 213, Gloucester, MA 01930; 978-283-9992

Community contact: Peter Libro, 273 Western Ave, Gloucester, MA 01930

8) Gloucester Trawl Western Gulf of Maine Sector \*

Sector Representative: Jackie Odell

**Northeast Seafood Coalition (NSC)**

30 Western Avenue, Suite 213, Gloucester, MA 01930; 978-283-9992

Community contact: Joseph Orlando, 7 Birch Grove Heights, Gloucester, MA 01930

9) New Bedford and Southern New England Fixed Gear Sector \*

Sector Representative: Jackie Odell

**Northeast Seafood Coalition (NSC)**

30 Western Avenue, Suite 213, Gloucester, MA 01930; 978-283-9992

Community contact: William McCann, 20 Aok St., Wareham, MA 02571

10) New Bedford Channel Trawl Sector \*

Sector Representative: Jackie Odell

**Northeast Seafood Coalition (NSC)**

30 Western Avenue, Suite 213, Gloucester, MA 01930; 978-283-9992

Community contact: Richard Canastra, New Bedford Whaling City Auction,  
62 Hassey Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

11) New Bedford Deep Water Trawl Sector \*

Sector Representative: Jackie Odell

**Northeast Seafood Coalition (NSC)**

30 Western Avenue, Suite 213, Gloucester, MA 01930; 978-283-9992

Community contact: Richard Canastra, New Bedford Whaling City Auction,  
62 Hassey Street New Bedford, MA 02740

12) New Hampshire and Southern Maine Fixed Gear Sector \*

Sector Representative: Jackie Odell

**Northeast Seafood Coalition (NSC)**

30 Western Avenue, Suite 213, Gloucester, MA 01930; 978-283-9992

Community contact: Erik Anderson, 38 Georges Terrace, Portsmouth, NH 03801

13) New Hampshire and Southern Maine Trawl Gulf of Maine Sector \*

Sector Representative: Jackie Odell

**Northeast Seafood Coalition (NSC)**

30 Western Avenue, Suite 213, Gloucester, MA 01930; 978-283-9992

Community contact: Dennis Robillard 278 River Road, Eliot, ME 03903

14) Point Judith and Southern New England Offshore Trawl Sector \*

Sector Representative: Jackie Odell

**Northeast Seafood Coalition (NSC)**

30 Western Avenue, Suite 213, Gloucester, MA 01930; 978-283-9992

Community contact: Fred Mattera 113 Lewiston Ave., West Kingston, RI 02892

15) Point Judith and Southern New England Trawl Sector \*

Sector Representative: Jackie Odell

**Northeast Seafood Coalition (NSC)**

30 Western Avenue, Suite 213, Gloucester, MA 01930; 978-283-9992

Community contact: Chris Brown, 35 Erica Court, West Kingston, RI 02892

16) South Shore Fixed Gear Sector \*

Sector Representative: Jackie Odell

**Northeast Seafood Coalition (NSC)**

30 Western Avenue, Suite 213, Gloucester, MA 01930; 978-283-9992

Community contact: Edward Barrett, PO Box 62, Green Harbor, MA 02401

17) South Shore Trawl Sector \*

Sector Representative: Jackie Odell

**Northeast Seafood Coalition (NSC)**

30 Western Avenue, Suite 213, Gloucester, MA 01930; 978-283-9992

Community contact: Edward Barrett, PO Box 62, Green Harbor, MA 02401

18) Vineyard Sector Plan \*

Sector Representative: Tom Osmer

P.O. Box 1087, West Tisbury, MA 02575; 508-696-8277

19) Pier 6 Initiative \*

Sector Representative: Frank Gable

24 Rockland Street, Natick, MA 01760

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SUMMARY INFO

**Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association:** Sponsoring 3 Sectors

**Sector Managers: Eric Brazer and John Pappalardo**

210-E Orleans Road, North Chatham, MA 02650; 508-945-2432

**Northeast Seafood Coalition:** Sponsoring 12 Sectors

**Sector Representative: Jackie Odell**

30 Western Ave, Suite 213 Gloucester, MA 01930; 978-283-9992

**Gulf of Maine Research Institute :** Sponsoring 2 Sectors

**Sector Representative: Cindy Smith**

350 Commercial Street Portland, ME 04101; 207-228-1653

Independent: 2 Sectors

**Vineyard Sector Plan**

**Sector Representative: Tom Osmer**

P.O. Box 1087, West Tisbury, MA 02575; 508-696-8277

**Pier 6 Initiative**

**Sector Representative: Frank Gable**

24 Rockland Street, Natick, MA 01760