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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
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Small Entity Compliance Guide

Dear Limited Access Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you of the Total Allowable Catches (TACs) that have been set for Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder in the U.S./Canada Management Area for the 2007 fishing year (May 1, 2007-April 30, 2008) under the NE Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The TACs for the U.S. portion of GB stocks are as follows: **494 mt of cod, 6,270 mt of haddock, and 900 mt of yellowtail flounder.**

The specification of hard TACs is required to ensure that the transboundary resources of GB cod, haddock, and yellowtail flounder, that are shared between the U.S. and Canada, are managed as outlined in the U.S./Canada Resource Sharing Understanding (Table 1 below). Though not expected, should an analysis of 2006 catch of the shared stocks by U.S. vessels indicate that an overage occurred during fishing year 2006, the pertinent 2007 TAC or TACs will be adjusted downward in order to compensate for the overage.

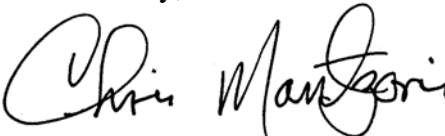
Table 1. Fishing Year 2007 U.S./Canada TACs (mt) and percentage shares.

	Eastern GB Cod	Eastern GB Haddock	GB Yellowtail Flounder
Total Shared TAC	1,900	19,000	1,250
U.S. TAC	494 (26 %)	6,270 (33 %)	900 (72 %)
Canada TAC	1,406 (74 %)	12,730 (67 %)	350 (28 %)

You may also receive permit holder letters, and find supporting documentation for these specifications on our web site at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>. If you have questions, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315.

This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

Sincerely,

for 

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Regional Administrator

