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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
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Small Entity Compliance Guide

Dear Limited Access Multispecies Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you that **the Eastern U.S./ Canada Area is closed to limited access Northeast (NE) multispecies days-at-sea (DAS) vessels effective 0001 hours on April 25, 2007.** This action is being taken in accordance with the NE multispecies regulations at 50 CFR 648.85(a)(3)(iv)(E) to prevent the Georges Bank (GB) cod total allowable catch (TAC) from being exceeded during the 2006 fishing year.

- Vessels that have not yet departed on a trip, declared their intent to fish in the Eastern U.S./Canada Area (VMS Area Code 2), and crossed the VMS demarcation line as of 0001 hours on April 25, 2007, may not declare their intent to fish in, enter (except transiting), or fish in the Eastern U.S./Canada Area.
- Vessels that have already declared their intent to fish in the Eastern U.S./Canada Area (VMS Area Code 2) through VMS, departed on a trip, and crossed the demarcation line as of 0001 hours on April 25, 2007, may finish their trip and retain and land any GB cod caught from the Eastern U.S./Canada Area on this trip, consistent with existing regulations.
- Vessels that are currently declared into the Eastern U.S./Canada Area, and have already “flexed out” or “flexed west”, may not reenter the Eastern U.S./Canada Area after 0001 hours on April 25, 2007. Any vessel that leaves the Eastern U.S./Canada Area after 0001 hours on April 25, 2007, is prohibited from reentering the Eastern U.S./Canada Area for the remainder of the fishing year.

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

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

