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**SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE**  
**2006 ATLANTIC HERRING SPECIFICATIONS**

Dear Atlantic Herring Permit Holder:

This letter announces final specifications for the 2006 fishing year for Atlantic herring, which are summarized in Attachment 1. You may also receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, by e-mail by clicking on "Permit Holder Letters" on our website at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>; or via fax by providing a fax number through a written request to the above address, or by faxing your request to 978-281-9135. This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT 1

**Final Specifications and Area TACs for the  
2006 Atlantic Herring Fishery**

| <b>FISHING YEAR JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2006<br/>(METRIC TONS)</b> |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Specifications</b>   | <b>Allocation</b>   |
| ABC   | 220,000   |
| OY  | 150,000   |
| DAH   | 150,000   |
| DAP   | 146,000   |
| JVPt  | 0   |
| JVP   | 0   |
| IWP   | 0   |
| USAP  | 20,000<br>(Area 2 and 3 only)                                 |
| BT  | 4,000   |
| TALFF   | 0   |
| Reserve   | 0   |
| TAC - Area 1A   | 60,000<br>(January 1—May 31, landings<br>cannot exceed 6,000) |
| TAC - Area 1B   | 10,000  |
| TAC - Area 2  | 30,000, No Reserve  |
| TAC - Area 3  | 50,000  |

Optimum yield (OY), Domestic Annual Harvest (DAH), Domestic Annual Processing (DAP), Total Foreign Processing (JVPt), Joint Venture Processing (JVP), Internal Waters Processing (IWP), U.S. At-sea Processing (USAP), Border Transfer (BT), Total Allowable Level of Foreign Fishing (TALFF), and Total Allowable Catch (TAC).