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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

NORTHEAST (NE) MULTISPECIES FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT (FW) 42 CHARTER AND PARTY AND RECREATIONAL FISHERY RESTRICTIONS

Dear Permit Holder:

This letter serves to inform you that FW 42 to the NE Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) has been approved and will become effective on November 22, 2006. FW 42 will continue the charter/party and recreational restrictions that are currently in effect, as implemented by the emergency action on May 1, 2006:

Seasonal GOM Cod Possession Prohibition: Private recreational and charter/party vessels are prohibited from possessing or retaining any cod from the Gulf of Maine (GOM) Regulated Mesh Area (RMA) (see Figure 1 below) from November 1 – March 31.

Minimum Size Restrictions: Private recreational and charter/party vessels are subject to a cod minimum size of 24 inches when fishing in the GOM RMA.

Gear Stowage Requirement: Private recreational and charter/party vessels are allowed to transit the GOM RMA with cod caught from outside this area, provided that all bait and hooks are removed from fishing rods and that all cod are stored in coolers or ice chests. These storage requirements are intended to facilitate the enforceability of these recreational measures.

This letter is only a summary of new NE multispecies regulations that pertain to charter/party and recreational fishing, and should not be considered as a substitute for the actual regulations. To read these regulations in their entirety, you are encouraged to obtain a complete copy by calling (978) 281-9315, or by accessing the Northeast Regional Office's web page at: <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>. You may also receive permit holder letters by e-mail by clicking on "NOAA Fisheries News Releases" at the same website, 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.

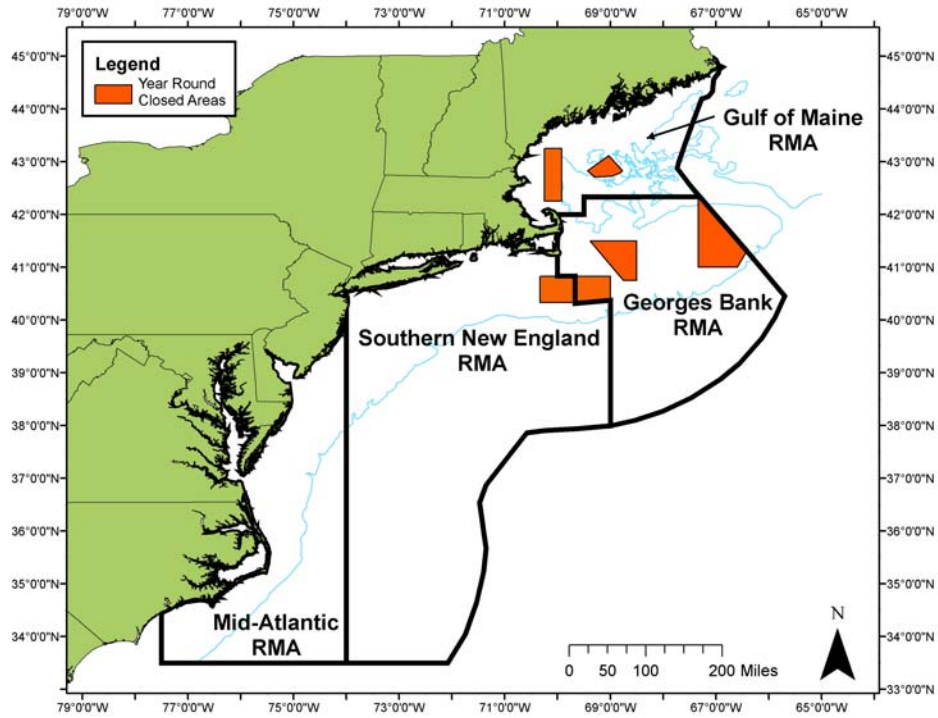
If you have any questions regarding the above measures, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315.

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

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



Figure 1: Regulated Mesh Areas.



GOM Regulated Mesh Area Coordinates:
 Bounded on the east by the U.S.-Canada maritime boundary, defined by straight lines connecting the following points in the order stated:

Point	N. lat.	W. long.
G1.....	(1)	(1)
G2.....	43°58[min]	67°22[min]
G3.....	42°53.1[min]	67°44.4[min]
G4.....	42°31[min]	67°28.1[min]
CI13.....	42°22[min]	67°20[min]
		(2)

- (1) The intersection of the shoreline and the U.S.-Canada Maritime Boundary.
- (2) The U.S.-Canada Maritime Boundary.

Bounded on the south by straight lines connecting the following points in the order stated:

Point	N. lat.	W. long.
CI13.....	42°22[min]	67°20[min]
		(1)
G6.....	42°20[min]	67°20[min]
G7.....	42°20[min]	69°30[min]
G8.....	42°00[min]	69°30[min]
G9.....	42°00[min]	(2)

- (1) The U.S.-Canada Maritime Boundary.
- (2) The intersection of the Cape Cod, MA, coastline and 42°00[min] N. lat.