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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 that, pursuant to 50 CFR 648.85(a)(3)(iv)(C)(3), **the Eastern U.S./Canada Area is closed to all limited access NE multispecies days-at-sea (DAS) vessels. Limited access NE multispecies DAS vessels are also prohibited from harvesting, possessing, and landing Georges Bank (GB) yellowtail flounder from the entire U.S./Canada Management Area (West and East). These measures are effective 0001 hours on April 1, 2005, through April 30, 2005.** This action is being taken based upon Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) reports and other available information that indicates that 100 percent of the GB yellowtail flounder TAC has been harvested.

- Vessels that have not yet departed on a trip, or declared their intent to fish in the Eastern or Western U.S./Canada Area as of 0001 hours on April 1, 2005, may not declare their intent to fish in, enter, or fish in the Eastern U.S./Canada Area and may not possess or land GB yellowtail flounder caught in the Western U.S./Canada Area, respectively.
- Vessels that have already declared their intent to fish in the Eastern U.S./Canada Area through VMS, departed on a trip, and crossed the demarcation line as of 0001 hours on April 1, 2005, may finish their trip into the Eastern U.S./Canada Area.
- Vessels that have already declared their intent to fish in the Western U.S./Canada Area through VMS, departed on a trip, and crossed the demarcation line as of 0001 hours on April 1, 2005, may possess and land GB yellowtail flounder caught from the Western U.S./Canada Area.

This action is being enacted in accordance with the NE multispecies regulations to prevent over-harvesting of the GB yellowtail flounder TAC in the U.S./Canada Management Area for the 2004 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.

