



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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 **the National Marine Fisheries Service is prohibiting the use of Regular B Days-at-Sea (DAS) under the Regular B DAS Pilot Program in the Georges Bank (GB) cod stock area (see below), effective 0001 hours, July 18, through July 31, 2005.**

- A NE multispecies DAS vessel that has already declared its intent to fish in the GB Cod Stock Area under the Regular B DAS Pilot Program through the vessel monitoring system (VMS), departed on a trip, and crossed the VMS demarcation line prior to July 18, 2005, must either end its trip under a Regular B DAS by crossing the VMS demarcation line on its return to port, or flip to fishing under a Category A DAS, before 0000 hours local time on July 18, 2005.
- Beginning August 1, 2005, limited access NE multispecies DAS and limited access monkfish vessels may once again use Regular B DAS within the GB cod stock area.

GB COD STOCK AREA (chart on reverse)

Point	N. Lat.	W. Long.
GB1	(1)	70o 00'
GB2	42o 20'	70o 00'
GB3	42o 20'	66o 00'
GB4	42o 10'	66o 00'
GB5	42o 10'	65o 50'
GB6	42o 00'	65o 50'
GB7	42o 00'	65o 40'
GB8	40o 30'	65o 40'
GB9	39o 00'	65o 40'
GB10	39o 00'	70o 00'
GB11	35o 00'	70o 00'
GB12	35o 00'	(2)

(1) Intersection of the north-facing coastline of Cape Cod, MA, and 70o 00' W. Long.

(2) Intersection of east-facing coastline of Outer Banks, NC, and 35o 00' N. Lat.

This action is being taken based upon VMS reports and other available information, which indicate that 100 percent of the quarterly incidental total allowable catch (TAC) for GB cod has been harvested.

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.



GB COD STOCK AREA

