

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE NORTHEAST REGION One Blackburn Drive Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

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## Small Entity Compliance Guide

Dear Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you that the haddock daily and maximum trip limits for vessels fishing under a limited access NE multispecies day-at-sea (DAS) permit are suspended for the remainder of the 2005 fishing year. Consequently, the haddock daily, and maximum trip limits for vessels fishing under a limited access Handgear A and open access Handgear B permit, are also suspended for the remainder of the 2005 fishing year.

Effective May 3, 2005, there is no haddock daily or maximum possession limit per trip for these vessels through April 30, 2006, unless otherwise notified.

The suspension of the haddock trip limit is to provide the industry the opportunity to harvest at least 75 percent of the target total allowable catch (TAC) of haddock for the fishing year, without exceeding the target TAC.

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

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

