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**SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE**  
**CLARIFICATION OF THE**  
**2003 ATLANTIC HERRING SPECIFICATIONS**

Dear Atlantic Herring Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you of a clarification to the letter that was sent to you on January 31, 2003, regarding the final specifications for the 2003 fishing year for the Atlantic herring fishery.

The January 31, 2003, permit holder letter summarized the 2003 total allowable catch (TAC) for Area 1A in Attachment 1. However, the two seasonal TACs for the area were inadvertently omitted. The attachment in this letter clarifies that error.

You may also receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, by e-mail by clicking on "NOAA Fisheries News Releases" on our website at <http://www.nero.nmfs.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 and Fairness Act of 1996.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia A. Kurkul".

*for*

Patricia A. Kurkul  
Regional Administrator



ATTACHMENT 1

**Final Specifications and Area TACs  
for the  
2003 Atlantic Herring Fishery**

<b>FISHING YEAR JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2003 (METRIC TONS)</b>		
<b>Specifications</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	
ABC	300,000	
OY	250,000	
DAH	250,000	
DAP	226,000	
JVpt	20,000	
JVP	10,000 (Area 2 and 3 only)	
IWP	10,000	
USAP	20,000 (Area 2 and 3 only)	
BT	4,000	
TALFF	0	
TAC - Area 1A	60,000	<b>January 1, 2003 - May 31, 2003, landings cannot exceed 6,000</b>
TAC - Area 1B	10,000	
TAC - Area 2	50,000 (TAC reserve:70,000)	
TAC - Area 3	60,000	

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).