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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
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### Small Entity Compliance Guide

Dear Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you that, pursuant to 50 CFR 648.86(a)(1)(iii)(B), **the haddock trip limit for vessels fishing under a limited access NE multispecies day-at-sea (DAS) permit is suspended from 0001 hours on October 3, 2003, through April 30, 2004. Therefore, vessels are not subject to the haddock maximum possession limit per trip for the time period stated above.**

The suspension of the commercial haddock trip limit is being enacted, in accordance with the NE multispecies regulations, so as to provide the industry with the opportunity to harvest at least 75 percent of the commercial target total allowable catch (TAC) of haddock for the fishing year, without exceeding the target TAC.

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

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

