

**AMENDMENT #4 TO THE NORTH EAST COASTAL COMMUNITIES
SECTOR FISHING YEAR (FY) 2010 SECTOR OPERATIONS PLAN**

APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
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EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 23, 2010, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2011

This amendment officially recognizes that the Northeast Coastal Communities Sector FY2010 Operations Plan has been amended to include the following additional exemptions from regulations of the Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery Management Plan, made effective through a final rule published December 23, 2010 (75 FR 80720).

Vessels participating in the Northeast Coastal Communities Sector are granted the following additional exemptions (as described in 75 FR 80720):

1. 20-Day Spawning Block: Exemption from the declaration of 20 days out of the fishery for the spawning season, specified in § 648.82(g); and
2. Limitation on the Number of Hooks that May Be Fished: Exemption from the limit on the number of hooks that may be fished in any of the RMAs, specified in §§ 648.80(a)(3)(v), 648.80(a)(4)(v), 648.80(b)(2)(v), and 648.80(c)(2)(iv).