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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Dear Closed Area (CA) I Hook Gear Haddock Special Access Program (SAP) Participant:

This letter is to inform you that the haddock quota for the second period of the CA I Hook Gear Haddock SAP (November 16, 2007, through December 31, 2007) has been increased to 4,789 mt.

The final rule for Framework Adjustment 42, which became effective November 22, 2006, specified a method for calculating the annual haddock total allowable catch (TAC) for this SAP that results in a TAC of 4,955 mt for fishing year 2007. This TAC applies to the entire 2007 season (October 1 - December 31) for this SAP.

Based upon available information, the National Marine Fisheries Service has estimated that approximately 166 mt of haddock (landings and discard) were caught during the first (October 1 – November 15) participation period. Subtracting this amount from the total 4,995-mt TAC results in 4,789 mt (4,955 mt – 166 mt). Thus, the haddock quota for the second (November 16 – December 31) participation period is increased to 4,789 mt of haddock. This increased TAC provides increased opportunities to harvest healthy groundfish stocks by permitting access to fully harvest the available haddock TAC specified for this SAP during the 2007 fishing year. Should the haddock TAC be attained early, the second participation period will be closed.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315. The rate of harvest of the GB cod TAC in the U.S./Canada Management Area is updated weekly on the internet at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/ro/fso/f40a.htm>.

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.

