



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
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Small Entity Compliance Guide

Dear Limited Access Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

This letter pertains to vessels interested in participating in the **Closed Area I Hook Gear Haddock Special Access Program (SAP)**. The September 1 deadline for notification of the Observer Program of a vessel owner's intent to fish in the Closed Area I Hook Gear Haddock SAP has been extended for this fishing year only, until September 21, 2007. The current regulations specify a deadline of September 1 for notification of the Observer Program; however, because vessel owners may have been unaware of this deadline, or may not have heard the radio announcements reminding the fishing industry of this deadline, broadcast during August, the September 1 deadline has been extended to September 21 for this fishing year only.

You must notify the National Marine Fisheries Service Observer Program of your intent to participate in the program by September 21, by calling 508-990-9057. To avoid any delays in fishing, please remember to maintain a current U.S. Coast Guard Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Decal.

Should you have any questions pertaining to the groundfish regulations, please call (978) 281-9315.

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

