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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
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Small Entity Compliance Guide

Subject: Inseason Trip Limit Adjustments for Common Pool Vessels for Fishing Year (FY) 2010

Dear Common Pool Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

For common pool vessels fishing under a NE multispecies day-at-sea (DAS), or fishing under a NE multispecies Small Vessel or Handgear A or B category permit:

- **Effective immediately, through April 30, 2011, the trip limits are increased for Georges Bank (GB) cod, Cape Cod (CC)/Gulf of Maine (GOM) yellowtail flounder, and Southern New England (SNE)/Mid-Atlantic (MA) yellowtail flounder; and**
- **Effective 0001 hours April 5, 2011, through April 30, 2011 the trip limits are reduced for GOM cod and GOM winter flounder.**

New Possession/Trip Limits

Stock	Old Possession/Trip Limit	New Possession/Trip Limit
GB cod	2,000 lb/DAS up to 20,000 lb/trip	3,000 lb/DAS up to 30,000 lb/trip
SNE/MA yellowtail flounder	250 lb/DAS up to 1,500 lb/trip	750 lb/DAS up to 3,000 lb/trip
CC/GOM yellowtail flounder	250 lb/DAS up to 1,500 lb/trip	750 lb/DAS up to 3,000 lb/trip
GOM Cod	100 lb/DAS up to 1,000 lb/trip	100 lb/trip
GOM Winter Flounder	250 lb/trip	100 lb/trip

NE multispecies common pool vessels that have submitted the required 48-hour Pre-Trip Notification, declared a trip through the vessel monitoring system (VMS), and crossed the VMS demarcation line prior to 0001 hours April 5, 2011, will not be subject to the new restricted trip limits for that trip, and may land GOM cod and GOM winter flounder under the old trip limit.

Vessels may take advantage of the increased trip limits for GB cod and SNE/MA and CC/GOM yellowtail flounder immediately.

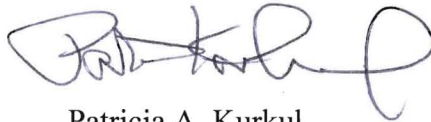


Small Vessel or Handgear A or B Category Permits

This action does not change the current cod trip limit for vessels with a Handgear A (50 lb/trip), Handgear B (25 lb/trip), or Small Vessel Category (75 lb/trip of cod within the limit of 300 lb of cod, haddock, and yellowtail flounder combined) permit. **This action does change the GOM winter flounder trip limit for vessels with a Handgear A, Handgear B, or Small Vessel Category permit to 100 lb per trip.**

The rates of harvest of all NE multispecies stocks are updated weekly on the internet at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/ro/fso/MultiMonReports.htm>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patricia A. Kurkul', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

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