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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Dear Sea Scallop Permit Holder:

This letter reminds you of the compensation trip carry-over regulations, as they relate to the February 28, 2011, end of the scallop fishing year. Limited access trips taken within the Elephant Trunk Access Area (ETAA) and Delmarva Access Area (DMV) that were broken after December 30, 2010, may be completed under an authorized compensation trip that begins no later than April 29, 2011. All compensation trips from trips broken on or before December 30, 2010, must begin no later than February 28, 2011, or they will no longer be valid. To be eligible for a compensation trip, vessels must have followed the broken trip notification and compensation trip request requirements in all cases.

These instructions relate specifically to ETAA and DMV. The situation is not clear at this time in regard to any Nantucket Lightship Access Area (NLCA) trips that are broken between December 2, 2010, and the NLCA closing date of January 31, 2011. The NLCA would reopen for fishing on June 15, 2011, under existing regulations. However, the New England Fishery Management Council has adopted Framework 22, which would revise measures for the 2011 fishing year. Among the changes is the closure of NLCA. We will provide further information prior to June 15, 2011.

Please note that the NLCA closes on January 31, 2011. No vessel may be in the NLCA after 2400 hr, January 31, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact the NMFS Sustainable Fisheries Division at 978-281-9315.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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