



United States Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Service
Northeast Region
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Dear Limited Access Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

This letter contains your potential sector contribution (PSC) and a preliminary estimate of your permit's fishing year (FY) 2011 contribution to a sector's annual catch entitlement (ACE) for each stock, if you enroll in a sector in FY 2011 (Table 1). We have also included your base days-at-sea (DAS) allocations for FY 2011 (Table 2).

Your PSC has been updated from the information previously distributed in August 2010. These revised PSCs are the result of corrections made to the dealer and vessel data that are used to calculate PSCs as well as the redistribution of PSC associated with cancelled permits as proposed in Framework Adjustment (FW) 45. The landings history of each permit eligible to join a sector that has been permanently cancelled has been divided equally among all remaining eligible permits. Together, these changes result in a slightly greater amount of landings being used in the calculations, and thus resulted in updated PSCs for all permits, regardless of whether any changes were made to your specific historical landings data. Some vessels gained landings and thus this letter will show an increased PSC, while other vessels lost landings and may have a lower PSC.

Table 1 contains both your updated PSC, which will become effective May 1, 2011, for FY 2011 and your PSC for FY 2010 for comparison. Your permit's FY 2011 sector ACE contribution is based on your PSC, which is calculated as a percentage, multiplied by the available groundfish Annual Catch Limit (ACL) for each stock. Please note that several of the groundfish ACLs in this letter for FY 2011, are preliminary, pending final NOAA Fisheries Service approval of FW 45. This is also true for the Georges Bank yellowtail flounder ACL; however, this ACL is being proposed in the FW 45 rule under the authority to implement an emergency action as a result of the increased flexibility provided by the 2010 International Fisheries Clarification Act. For your convenience, the ACLs in Table 1 have been converted to live pounds.

If you have any further questions about information provided in this letter, please contact Barry Clifford at 978-281-9148. For questions concerning data corrections you may contact Vic Vecchio at 978-675-2160.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

cc: New England Fishery Management Council, Sector Mangers

**Table 1 – PSCs for FYs 2010 and 2011 and ESTIMATED ACE Contributions for FY 2011 for:
F/V , Permit #, MRI #**

Individual permits do not have a specified PSC for Eastern GB cod or Eastern GB haddock, only an overall PSC for each of these stocks for GB. Therefore this table does not include PSCs for Eastern GB cod or Eastern GB haddock.

| Stock | Your PSC (%) | | ESTIMATED Available ACL for FY 2011 * (live pounds) | Your ESTIMATED ACE Contribution for FY 2011 (live pounds) |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|---|---|
| | FY 2010 | POTENTIAL FY 2011 | | |
| Atlantic Cod | | | | |
| GB | | | 9,482,082 | |
| GOM | | | 10,637,304 | |
| Haddock | | | | |
| GB | | | 67,990,562 | |
| GOM | | | 1,735,038 | |
| Yellowtail Flounder | | | | |
| GB | | | 2,517,679 | |
| SNE/MA | | | 1,155,222 | |
| CC/GOM | | | 2,072,345 | |
| American Plaice | | | 6,851,967 | |
| Witch Flounder | | | 2,724,914 | |
| Winter Flounder | | | | |
| GB | | | 4,424,678 | |
| GOM | | | 348,330 | |
| Redfish | | | 16,625,059 | |
| White Hake | | | 6,556,548 | |
| Pollock | | | 30,758,895 | |

* Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) are preliminary pending final NOAA Fisheries Service approval of FW 45

Table 2 – FY 2011 DAS Base Allocation

| Days-at-Sea Category | Allocation if Enrolled in a Sector | Allocation if Fishing In Common Pool |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A DAS | | |
| B Regular DAS | | |
| B Reserve DAS | | |