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**SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE
2005 ATLANTIC HERRING SPECIFICATIONS**

Dear Atlantic Herring Permit Holder:

This letter announces final specifications for the 2005 fishing year for Atlantic herring, which are summarized in Attachment 1. You may also receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, by e-mail by clicking on "NOAA Fisheries News Releases" on our website at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>; or via fax by providing a fax number through a written request to the above address, or by faxing your request to 978-281-9135. This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia A. Kurkul".

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator



ATTACHMENT 1

**Final Specifications and Area TACs for the
2005 Atlantic Herring Fishery**

FISHING YEAR JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2005 (METRIC TONS)	
Specifications	Allocation
ABC	220,000
OY	150,000
DAH	150,000
DAP	146,000
JVPt	0
JVP	0
IWP	0
USAP	20,000 (Area 2 and 3 only)
BT	4,000
TALFF	0
Reserve	0
TAC - Area 1A	60,000 (January 1--May 31, landings cannot exceed 6,000)
TAC - Area 1B	10,000
TAC - Area 2	30,000, No Reserve
TAC - Area 3	50,000

Optimum yield (OY), Domestic Annual Harvest (DAH), Domestic Annual Processing (DAP), Total Foreign Processing (JVpt), Joint Venture Processing (JVP), Internal Waters Processing (IWP), U.S. At-sea Processing (USAP), Border Transfer (BT), Total Allowable Level of Foreign Fishing (TALFF), and Total Allowable Catch (TAC).