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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
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**--SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE--**

Dear Non-Sector Closed Area I Hook Gear Haddock SAP Registered Participant:

This letter is being sent to vessels not participating in the Georges Bank (GB) Cod Hook Sector (i.e. Non-Sector vessels) that have registered to participate in the Closed Area I (CA I) Hook Gear Haddock Special Access Program (SAP) for the 2005 fishing year. This letter elaborates on the notification and reporting requirements that were summarized in the September 13, 2005, small entity compliance guide for Framework Adjustment 41 (Framework 41) to the Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fisheries Management Plan (FMP). Copies of this letter and the September 13, 2005, letter may be requested by calling 978-281-9315, or obtained from the NOAA Fisheries Service Northeast Regional Office website (<http://www.nero.noaa.gov>) under the "Permit Holder Letters" hyperlink.

**CA I HOOK GEAR HADDOCK SAP**

Framework 41 modified the CA I Hook Gear Haddock SAP to allow non-Sector vessels fishing with hook gear to participate in the SAP. Observer and vessel monitoring system (VMS) reporting requirements are detailed below.

**Hook Vessels Not Participating in the Georges Bank (GB) Cod Hook Sector  
(i.e., non-Sector vessels)**

- 2005 Participation Period: **November 16 – December 31**
- Trip Notification to Observer Program: **72 hours prior to departure**
- VMS days-at-sea (DAS) declaration: **B-Regular or B-Reserve only**
- Cod Trip Limit: **1,000 lb**
- Frequency of VMS Catch Reports: **Daily**

**Observer Program Trip Notification**

In order to facilitate the deployment of NOAA Fisheries observers to the SAP, vessels that have already declared their intent to participate in the SAP by October 24, 2005, are required to notify the NOAA Fisheries Service Observer Program 72 hours prior to departure for each trip into the SAP via telephone at **508-990-9057**.

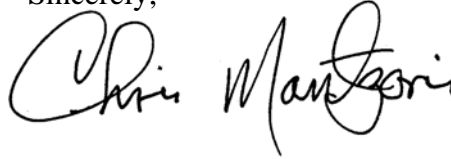
**VMS Declaration and Daily VMS Catch Reports**

If you are a vessel operator intending to participate in the CA I Hook Gear Haddock SAP you must declare into the program using VMS. To do so, you must select the "NMS-



HGH” activity code from the activity code screen, followed by the appropriate DAS (B-Reg[ular] or B-Res[erve]). Non-Sector vessels fishing under the SAP must report their catch (kept and discarded) of cod and haddock daily through VMS. If no cod or haddock are caught, a daily report is still required. The reports must be submitted in 24-hr intervals for each day, beginning at 0000 hr and ending at 2400 hr. The reports must be submitted by 0900 hr of the following day. Vessels are also still required to report all species kept and discarded using the Vessel Trip Reports (log books).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Mangione". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*for* Patricia A. Kurkul,  
Regional Administrator