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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Dear Northeast (NE) Multispecies Limited Access Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you of corrections to the October 18, 2006, letter sent to you regarding the NE multispecies Framework Adjustment 42 (FW 42) measures that become effective November 22, 2006. Table 2 of that letter specified incorrect trip limits for vessels fishing under a Regular B Days-at-Sea (DAS) in the Regular B DAS Program (i.e., the trip limits for vessels using a haddock separator trawl were listed under vessels fishing with non-trawl gear) and did not include trip limits for stocks outside of Georges Bank (GB). Table 3 of that letter contained an inaccurate monkfish trip limit for Category C and D vessels operating in the Southern Fishery Management Area. This letter provides the correct trip limits for all stock areas for vessels participating in this program (see a corrected version of Tables 2 and 3 below). This correction letter and a summary of answers to commonly-asked questions about FW 42 are available on the Northeast Regional Office website at: www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/hotnews/multifw42fr.

If you have any questions regarding this correction letter, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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



Table 2: NE Multispecies and Skate Landing Limits for Limited Access NE Multispecies Vessels Fishing in the Regular B DAS Program.

Species	Landing Limits for Trips Ending under a Regular B DAS*		Landing Limits for Trips Ending under a Category A DAS
	Haddock Separator Trawl Gear	Non-trawl Gear	All Gear Types
Gulf of Maine (GOM) Cod	100 lb/DAS, up to 1,000 lb/trip of each stock		800 lb/DAS, up to 4,000 lb/trip
GB cod			1,000 lb/DAS, up to 10,000 lb/trip (when exempt from the GOM cod trip limit)
			500 lb/DAS, up to 5,000 lb/trip (Eastern U.S./Canada Area)
American Plaice	100 lb/DAS, up to 500 lb/trip of all flatfish species combined	100 lb/DAS, up to 1,000 lb/trip of each stock	Unlimited
Witch Flounder			Unlimited
GB Yellowtail Flounder			10,000 lb/trip, or as modified by the Regional Administrator
GB Winter Flounder			5,000 lb/trip
Southern New England (SNE) Winter Flounder			Unlimited
Cape Cod/GOM Yellowtail Flounder	25 lb/DAS, up to 250 lb/trip and not to exceed 500 lb/trip of all flatfish species combined	25 lb/DAS, up to 250 lb/trip of each stock	250 lb/DAS, up to 1,000 lb/trip of each stock
SNE Yellowtail Flounder			
White Hake	100 lb/DAS, up to 1,000 lb/trip		1,000 lb/DAS, up to 10,000 lb/trip
Skates (except barndoor and thorny skates)	500 lb/trip	10,000 lb of skate wings for trips less than 24 hours	10,000 lb of skate wings for trips less than 24 hours
		20,000 lb of skate wings for trips greater than 24 hours	20,000 lb of skate wings for trips greater than 24 hours

*Possession of lobsters is prohibited when fishing with a haddock separator trawl on trips that end on a Regular B DAS under the Regular B DAS Program.

Table 3: Monkfish Trip Limits (lb is in tail weight, unless otherwise specified) for Vessels Issued Category C, D, E, or F Monkfish Permits and Fishing in the Regular B DAS Program

Permit Category	Area	Monkfish Trip Limits for trips Ending under a Regular B DAS	Monkfish Trip Limits for trips Ending under a Category A DAS	
		Haddock Separator Trawl Gear	Trawl Gear	Non-Trawl Gear
C or D	NFMA	500 lb/trip (whole weight)	No Trip Limit	
	SFMA	500 lb/trip (whole weight) or 50 lb/DAS (tail weight), whichever is less	300 lb/DAS	50 lb/DAS
F	NFMA	500 lb/trip (whole weight)	400 lb/DAS or 50% of the total weight of fish on board, whichever is less	
	SFMA	500 lb/trip (whole weight) or 50 lb/DAS (tail weight), whichever is less	300 lb/DAS	50 lb/DAS
E	NFMA	500 lb/trip (whole weight)	400 lb/DAS or 50% of the total weight of fish on board, whichever is less	
	SFMA	500 lb/trip (whole weight) or 50 lb/DAS (tail weight), whichever is less	50 lb/DAS	