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**NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE**  
**NORTHEAST REGION**  
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Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

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## **SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE**

### **NORTHEAST (NE) MULTISPECIES FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT (FW) 42** **VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM (VMS) INFORMATION**

Dear NE Multispecies Permit Holder:

The federal rules implementing FW 42 to the NE Multispecies Fishery Management Plan, which become effective November 22, 2006, require all limited access NE multispecies days-at-sea (DAS) vessels fishing under a NE multispecies DAS to have an approved and operational VMS on board their vessel. After November 22, 2006, a limited access NE multispecies DAS vessel is prohibited from fishing under a NE multispecies DAS without an approved and properly functioning VMS. A vessel owner with a limited access NE multispecies DAS permit who does not intend to and does not fish any NE multispecies DAS during the fishing year may renew the vessel's limited access NE multispecies permit without having an approved VMS, but may not fish any of the vessel's NE multispecies DAS during the fishing year.

This letter provides a summary of the applicable VMS rules under FW 42 in the context of existing regulations, as well as other useful VMS information.

### **PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF VMS**

There are currently 3 companies that are approved by the NOAA Fisheries Service, NE Region, as VMS vendors:

Boatracs, Inc.  
9155 Brown Deer Road  
Suite 8  
San Diego, CA 92121  
Tel: 858-458-8100  
Fax: 858-548-8116  
<http://www.boatracs.com>  
Contact: Debbie Foste,  
858-458-8105

SkyMate, Inc.  
4230 Lafayette Center Dr.  
Chantilly, A 20151  
Tel: 866-759-6283  
Fax: 703-814-8565  
<http://www.skymate.com>  
Contact: Sally Beasley,  
703-961-5816

Thrane & Thrane, Inc.  
509 Viking Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
Tel: 757-463-9557  
Fax: 757-463-9581  
<http://www.us.thrane.com>  
Contact: Lauri Paul,  
757-753-9450

Please contact these companies to determine which type of VMS system meets your needs, and for additional information on the purchase and installation of your VMS unit.

### **VERIFICATION OF INSTALLATION**

The owner of a vessel issued a limited access NE multispecies permit that intends to fish under a Category A or B DAS must send a completed NE Vessel Monitoring Program



certification form (see the Attachment 1) to the NOAA Fisheries Regional Office (1 Blackburn Dr., Gloucester, MA 01930). The vessel owner must sign the form verifying that an operational VMS unit that meets the minimum performance criteria has been installed on that vessel. The vessel owner must provide information including the type of unit purchased, the installing dealer (or otherwise explain that the vessel owner installed the unit), date of installation, serial number of unit, and e-mail address of vessel. Should a VMS unit require replacement, a vessel owner must submit documentation to the Regional Administrator, within 3 days of installation and prior to the vessel's next trip, verifying that the new VMS unit is an operational, approved system.

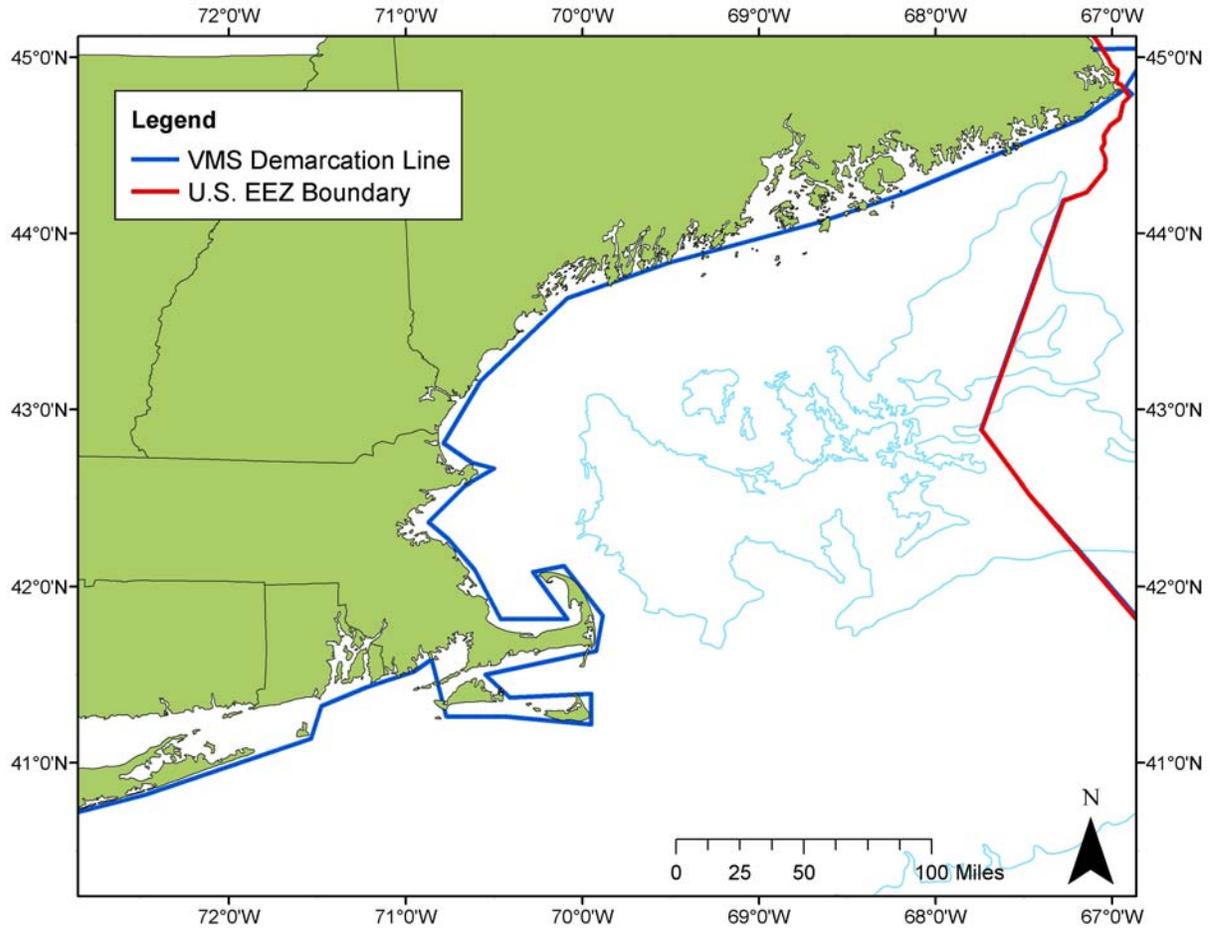
### **ACTIVATION OF UNIT**

Once a unit has been installed on the vessel and a certification form has been submitted to NOAA Fisheries Service, the vessel may activate its unit with the VMS vendor and depart on a fishing trip. A properly operating VMS unit must transmit location signals every 30 or 60 minutes, depending upon the permits issued to the vessel, and must indicate a vessel's position 24 hours and day, and 7 days a week. A NE multispecies limited access DAS vessel is required to have an operational VMS turned on at all times unless powered down (turned off) in accordance with the power down rules, explained below. If you are fishing in a special management program and utilizing the vendor Skymate, in order to ensure that the NOAA Fisheries Service receives all required reports, you must install the latest software updates sent by Skymate onto the computer connected to the SkyMate unit.

### **DAS USE**

A vessel that crosses the VMS demarcation line, which generally follows the NE coast (see Figure 1) is considered to be fishing under the NE multispecies DAS Program (DAS Program) unless the vessel owner (or representative) declares the vessel out of the fishery (i.e., not fishing under the DAS Program) by notifying the Regional Administrator through the VMS prior to leaving port. VMS notification that the vessel intends to fish under the DAS Program, or is not under the DAS Program must be received prior to the vessel leaving port. A vessel may not change its status from fishing to not fishing (or from not fishing to fishing) after the vessel leaves port or before it returns to port on any fishing trip.

**Figure 1. VMS Demarcation Line**



If a VMS unit fails to transmit the required hourly or half-hourly signal of a vessel's position, the vessel shall be deemed to have incurred a DAS (or fraction of a DAS) for as long as the VMS unit fails to transmit a signal, unless sufficient evidence is presented to show that the failure to transmit was due to an unavoidable malfunction, or disruption of the transmission that occurred while the vessel was declared out of the fishery, or was not at sea.

With the exception of vessels that have elected to fish exclusively in the Eastern U.S./Canada Area, DAS counting begins with the first VMS location signal received showing that the vessel crossed the VMS Demarcation Line after leaving port. DAS counting ends with the first location signal received showing that the vessel crossed the VMS Demarcation Line upon its return to port. For those vessels that have elected to fish exclusively in the Eastern U.S./Canada Area, DAS counting begins with the first VMS location signal received indicating that the vessel crossed into the Eastern U.S./Canada Area and ends with the first VMS location signal received showing that the vessel crossed out of the Eastern U.S./Canada Area upon beginning its return trip to port (unless the vessel declares its intent to also fish outside of the Eastern U.S./Canada Area on the same trip). The DAS charged for a particular fishing trip depend upon the geographic area fished (such as the Gulf of Maine (GOM) Differential DAS Area) or the Special Management Program fished (such as in the Eastern U.S./Canada Area), which have specific

DAS accounting rules associated with them. Examples of DAS charges for various Special Management Programs are provided later in this letter.

**If a vessel fishes landward of the VMS demarcation line at any point on the trip**, it must still declare into the DAS Program when fishing for species requiring a current limited access NE multispecies permit. Such a vessel must declare its intention to participate in the DAS Program through the use of the call-in system (Interactive Voice Response, (IVR)) system, and must declare out of the DAS Program at the end of the trip through the same IVR system. For trips where the vessel crosses the VMS demarcation line at some point during the trip, DAS usage (e.g., the length of the trip) will be based on the call-in notification system. Use of the call-in system does not relieve a vessel required to use the VMS notification program from the mandatory VMS positioning requirements. Prior to sailing, and while using a sailing number under the IVR system, the vessel operator must select the “DOF-DOF” code in the vessel’s VMS unit to declare out of the DAS fisheries, and ensure that the VMS unit continues to properly indicate that vessel’s position 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### **POWER DOWN RULES**

A vessel owner issued a NE multispecies limited access DAS permit may power down the VMS unit if such a vessel will be out of the water for more than 72 consecutive hours, or if the vessel does not participate in any fisheries for a minimum period of 30 consecutive days (and has **only** a NE multispecies limited access permit). To receive permission to power down, the NE multispecies vessel owner must apply for and obtain a letter of exemption from the Regional Administrator, as discussed below. Please note that a NE multispecies vessel with another limited access permit such as scallop (that has VMS requirements), is not allowed to power down unless the vessel will be out of the water for more than 72 consecutive hours, because it is subject to the most restrictive VMS requirement.

The attached “VMS Power Down Exemption Request” form (see Attachment 2) must be sent to the Office of Law Enforcement (OLE), One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, or faxed to (978) 281-9317, and the request must contain the following information:

- Location of the vessel during the exemption period for which an exemption is sought;
- The exact time period for which the exemption is sought, i.e., the times/dates the VMS signal will be turned off and turned on again; and
- If requesting an exemption because the vessel will be out of the water for more than 72 consecutive hours, sufficient information to determine that the vessel will be out of the water for that time period.

Upon receipt of the written request, the Regional Administrator may issue a Letter of Exemption if it is determined that the vessel has provided sufficient information and that the exemption will not jeopardize accurate monitoring of the vessel’s DAS. The letter of exemption must be on board the vessel at all times and **the VMS cannot be turned off until the letter has been received**. Therefore, a vessel owner requesting an exemption letter should provide the Regional Administrator ample time to review the request and respond. The dates of exemption may be revised if requested by the vessel owner in writing and approved by the Regional Administrator.

## VMS RULES FOR VESSELS WITH OTHER LIMITED ACCESS PERMITS

For a vessel with both a NE multispecies limited access DAS permit and another type of limited access permit that has VMS requirements (e.g., scallop, monkfish, herring), the applicable VMS rules and restrictions may be different and more involved and/or more restrictive than those described in this letter. **Please note that when different VMS requirements apply, the vessel will be subject to the most restrictive rules.** Please call the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315 if you have any questions regarding the VMS restrictions applicable to a vessel issued multiple permits (containing VMS requirements).

### ACCESS TO DATA

A NE multispecies limited access permit holder must allow NOAA Fisheries Service and the U.S. Coast Guard access to the vessel's DAS data, location data, and other data, if required, at the time of, or after, its transmission.

### AN OVERVIEW OF THE SCREENS ON THE VMS DISPLAY

There are three principal functions of the screens that you will see displayed on your VMS unit:

- Declaring the particular type of fishing activity you will be engaged in prior to the fishing trip (prior to departing port);
- Reporting information such as Vessel Trip Report (VTR) serial number, catch and discards; and
- Submitting forms of special information regarding your trip once underway.

**Example of these screens are found in Attachments 3 through 7, while Attachment 8 summarizes the terms used on these screens and Attachment 9 provides examples of DAS charges for special management program trips.**

#### **NE Multispecies Declaration Screen (see Attachment 3)**

A vessel with a NE multispecies limited access permit must declare that it will be fishing under a NE multispecies DAS, as well as specify gear type, and whether it will be fishing in one of the two differential DAS counting (the GOM or Southern New England (SNE) differential DAS areas (DAs), or fishing in a special management program (special access programs (SAPs), Regular B DAS Program, or the U.S./Canada Management Area). A vessel fishing in a special management program must indicate the type of DAS to be used, in addition to the geographic area and gear type. **Please see the attached copy of the Declaration Screen.**

#### **Catch Reporting Screen (see Attachment 4)**

A vessel fishing in a special management program including a SAP (Closed Area I Haddock SAP or the Eastern U.S./Canada Haddock SAP), or the U.S./Canada Management Area, must report various information through VMS on a daily basis, including the amount of fish caught and discarded, the VTR serial number, and the date fish were caught. The species that must be reported are cod, yellowtail flounder, American plaice, white hake, winter flounder, witch

flounder, and haddock. If the vessel does not catch any fish on a given day, a catch report for that day must still be submitted. In this case, the required catch and discard fields would be filled with zeroes. The VTR is still required for all trips. **Please see the attached copy of the Catch Reporting Screen.**

If a vessel does not fish in a SAP or in the U.S./Canada Management Area, it does not need to report catch through VMS.

### **VMS Forms for Special Information**

#### GOM Trip Limit Exemption Program (see Attachment 5)

To fish in the Georges Bank (GB) Regulated Mesh Area (RMA) and retain cod in excess of the GOM trip limit (i.e., the amount allowed for GB is 1,000 lb/DAS up to 10,000 lb/trip) a vessel must declare via VMS that it is fishing in the GOM Trip Limit Exemption Program. The VMS form states the following: “Submit this form, prior to leaving port, if you intend to fish south of the GOM RMA and would like to be exempt from the GOM cod trip limit and subject to the GB trip limit instead. If you submit this form you will be subject to the GB cod trip limit and cannot fish in the GOM RMA for the duration of the trip. Transiting is allowed provided that all gear is properly stowed while within the GOM RMA. Vessels declaring into the U.S./Canada Management Area are not required to submit this form.” Please see the attached copy of the “Gulf of Maine Cod Trip Limit Exemption” form.

#### GOM and SNE Differential DAS Layover (see Attachment 6)

A second VMS form contains the following language, which is self explanatory: “Submit this form if you are laying-over in the Gulf of Maine or Southern New England Differential DAS Area (GOM DA, SNE DA). If you are in the GOM DA or SNE DA and are neither transiting, nor declared via VMS into the GOM DA or SNE DA, you must submit this form to indicate that you are laying-over due to inclement weather or some other event beyond your control.” Please see the attached copy of the “Differential Area Layover” form.

#### Cod Running Clock (see Attachment 7)

A third VMS form for the NE multispecies fisheries enables a vessel operator to “run-the-clock” in order to comply with the cod regulations as follows: “Submit this form if not enough Days-at-Sea (DAS) have elapsed to account for the amount of cod on board your vessel (i.e., 24 hours for each day’s worth of Gulf of Maine or Georges Bank cod). You will be charged up to an additional 24 hours of DAS to fully account for the amount of cod on board your vessel. You must submit this form before you cross the demarcation line on your return to port.” Please see the attached copy of the “Cod Running Clock” form.

## **U.S./CANADA MANAGEMENT AREA DECLARATIONS**

The VMS declarations for vessels fishing in the U.S./Canada Management Area may involve a number of possible combinations of fishing scenarios involving different geographic locations, programs, and DAS, each of which require the completion of different data fields in the VMS Multispecies Declaration screen.

There are four U.S./Canada Management Area sub-areas available in FY 2006, as follows:

<b><u>Sub-Area</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
2	Eastern U.S./Canada Area Outside of Closed Area II
4	Western U.S./Canada Area Only
5	Eastern U.S./Canada Area Haddock SAP
6	Eastern U.S./Canada Area and the Eastern U.S./Canada Area Haddock SAP

In addition to these four U.S./Canada Management Area codes, there are also codes related to differential DAS Areas, Category A, B Regular, B Reserve DAS, and DAS accounting rules. Therefore, to ensure a vessel complies with all VMS regulations while fishing in the U.S./Canada Management Area, it must carefully select the appropriate activity/program code, area, DAS type, and gear type from among many different options (see Attachments 8 and 9 for descriptions of the terms used on the VMS declaration screens and examples of DAS charges for particular VMS activity code declarations). A vessel may elect to fish outside of the U.S./Canada Management Area on the same trip, provided the vessel declares its intent to do so via VMS and abides by the more restrictive regulations (i.e., DAS counting, trip limits, and submission of daily catch reports via VMS) in either area.

Except for vessels fishing in the Regular B DAS Program, any vessel declaring its intent to fish inside and outside of the U.S./Canada Management Area on the same trip is required to fish under a Category A DAS for the entire trip.

### **REIMBURSEMENT FOR PURCHASE COST OF VMS UNITS**

An eligible owner and/or operator who purchases a VMS unit on or after February 1, 2006, to comply with FW 42, is eligible for reimbursement for the purchase price of the least-expensive type-approved VMS unit. A letter detailing the VMS reimbursement program was sent to you recently. An owner and/or operator may contact the VMS Support Center to determine eligibility and begin processing the necessary paperwork.

This letter is only a summary of the NE multispecies regulations implemented under FW 42/FW 3, and should not be considered as a substitute for the actual regulations. To read these regulations in their entirety, you are encouraged to obtain a complete copy by calling (978) 281-9315, or by accessing the Northeast Regional Office's web page at: <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>.

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

*This notice is authorized by the Administrator of the NOAA Fisheries Service, Northeast Region.*

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**NMFS NORTHEAST VESSEL MONITORING PROGRAM**

FISHING VESSEL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
NMFS FISHERIES PERMIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
COAST GUARD DOCUMENTATION/STATE REGISTRATION NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
MONITORING FOR (**CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY**):

SCALLOP                      MULTISPECIES                      MONKFISH                      HERRING

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**\*\*\* PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM BY PROVIDING ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION \*\*\***

*I CERTIFY THAT SUBJECT FISHING VESSEL HAS AN OPERATIONAL VMS UNIT INSTALLED BY:*

PURCHASED FROM: BOATRACS \_\_\_\_\_ SKYMATE \_\_\_\_\_ THRANE & THRANE \_\_\_\_\_

INSTALLING DEALER:                      NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF INSTALLATION: \_\_\_\_\_

SERIAL NUMBER OF VMS UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS OF VESSEL: \_\_\_\_\_

VMS UNIT ACTIVATED ON VESSEL AND READY TO SEND FISHING ACTIVITY CODES?  
 YES                       NO

VMS UNIT OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS SENT TO VESSEL OWNER BY VMS VENDOR?  
 YES                       NO

VESSEL OWNER TRAINED ON USE OF VMS UNIT BY VMS VENDOR?     YES                       NO

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*I UNDERSTAND THAT THE VMS UNIT MUST REMAIN CONNECTED TO THE VMS VENDOR LISTED ABOVE AT ALL TIMES. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF 50 CFR §648.9 AND §648.10 REGARDING USE OF THE VMS. I HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE VMS VENDOR LISTED ABOVE AND UNDERSTAND HOW TO OPERATE THE VMS UNIT.*

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PERMIT HOLDER'S NAME (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

PERMIT HOLDER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_                      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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SEND THIS ORIGINAL, COMPLETED FORM TO:

NOAA FISHERIES  
NE OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT  
1 BLACKBURN DRIVE, ROOM 206  
GLOUCESTER, MA 01930  
ATTN: VMS PROGRAM  
or fax to 1-978-281-9317

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or suggestions for reducing this burden to: Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; and to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

The information will be used in the management of the Atlantic sea scallop, Northeast multispecies, monkfish and herring fisheries by insuring compliance with VMS regulations listed under 50 CFR §648.9 and §648.10 (b). Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. Any information submitted by any person to obtain a permit is not confidential, and may be disclosed upon request.

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## ATTACHMENT 2

### Vessel Monitoring System Power Down Exemption Request

Regulations implementing the requirements for the vessel monitoring system (VMS) within the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) allow for vessel operators to discontinue the use of VMS units for a minimum period of 30 days for specific periods of time, provided they obtain a VMS power down exemption letter from the Regional Administrator. To obtain this exemption letter, fill out the appropriate information below and submit this form to the **National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Law Enforcement, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930.**

**Vessel Information:**

**Vessel Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Permit #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Official #:**  
(or state registration #)

**Vessel Port Location During VMS Power Down :**

**Exemption Period:**

**Date VMS to be Turned Off:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date VMS to be Turned On:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for VMS Power Down (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** VMS units must remain operational until a Letter of Exemption from the Regional Administrator is received to turn off a vessel's VMS. Upon receipt of the letter of exemption, the vessel operator may discontinue VMS operation for the period requested above. Vessel operators may request changes to the time period for this exemption through a written request to the Regional Administrator, provided the minimum period of 30 days is met. Vessels that wish to leave the port specified above during the exemption period for purposes other than engaging in fishing operations may do so, provided the VMS unit is turned on and is operational during transiting and provided all fishing gear is stowed and unavailable for immediate use according to the regulations at 50 CFR Part 648.23(b). Upon reaching another port, the VMS unit may once again be turned off for the duration of the exemption period specified above.

This form is required to obtain approval for a vessel to turn off their VMS unit consistent with the regulations at 50 CFR 648.9(c) and to restart VMS operation for limited access NE multispecies permit holders. Making a false statement on this form is punishable by law.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or suggestions for reducing this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information to NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester MA 01930.

OMB Control Number 0648-0489

OMB Expiration Date 04/30/2007

## ATTACHMENT 3

# DECLARATION SCREEN - MULTISPECIES

SELECT GEAR TYPE:

- NON-GILLNET
- DAY GILLNET
- TRIP GILLNET

SELECT FISHERIES PROGRAM:

REGULAR ACCESS (A DAYS) [NMS-MUL]

- OPEN ONLY
- OPEN AND GOM DA
- OPEN AND SNE DA

US\CANADA WEST (A DAYS) [NMS-USC]

- AREA 4 ONLY
- AREA 4 AND OPEN
- AREA 4 AND OPEN AND GOM DA
- AREA 4 AND OPEN AND SNE DA

US\CANADA EAST

- AREA 2 (A DAYS)
- AREA 6 (A DAYS)
- AREA 5
  - USING A DAYS
  - USING B-REG DAYS
  - USING B-RES DAYS

NOTE: B-REG OR B-RES DAS MUST BE FLIPPED  
IMMEDIATELY TO AN "A" DAS IF TRIP LIMIT  
EXCEEDED OR TO FISH IN GOM DA OR SNE DA.

ADD ADDITIONAL AREAS TO CURRENT EASTERN AREA TRIP (FLEX):

- FLEX WEST (ADD AREA 4 ONLY)
- FLEX OPEN (ADD AREA 4 AND OPEN)
- FLEX GOM DA (ADD AREA 4 AND OPEN AND GOM DA)
- FLEX SNE DA (ADD AREA 4 AND OPEN AND SNE DA)

NOTE: ONLY ONE FLEX PER TRIP IS ALLOWED  
VESSEL MUST BE WITHIN THE EASTERN AREA TO FLEX

# DECLARATION SCREEN – MULTISPECIES

## Continued...

B-DAS PROGRAM [NMS-BDP]

SELECT DAY TYPE:

- A DAYS
- B-REG DAYS

NOTE: B-REG DAS MUST BE FLIPPED IMMEDIATELY  
TO AN "A" DAS IF TRIP LIMIT EXCEEDED.

SELECT FISHING AREA:

OPEN

- OPEN ONLY
- OPEN AND GOM DA
- OPEN AND SNE DA

US\CANADA WEST

- AREA 4 ONLY
- AREA 4 AND OPEN
- AREA 4 AND OPEN AND GOM DA
- AREA 4 AND OPEN AND SNE DA

US\CANADA EAST

AREA 2

ADD ADDITIONAL AREAS TO CURRENT AREA-2 TRIP (FLEX):

- FLEX WEST (ADD AREA 4)
- FLEX OPEN (ADD AREA 4 AND OPEN)
- FLEX GOM DA (ADD AREA 4 AND OPEN AND GOM DA)
- FLEX SNE DA (ADD AREA 4 AND OPEN AND SNE DA)

NOTE: ONLY ONE FLEX PER TRIP IS ALLOWED

VESSEL MUST BE WITHIN THE EASTERN AREA TO FLEX

CA-1 HOOK GEAR HADDOCK SAP (NMS-HGH)

- USING A DAYS (SECTOR VESSELS ONLY)
- USING B-REG DAYS
- USING B-RES DAYS

**ATTACHMENT 4**

**Multispecies Catch Report**

This report is to be used for trips into the US/Canada Management Area and/or the Regular B DAS Program, or any of the Special Access Programs (Eastern US/CAN, CA-1 Haddock SAP or CA-2 Yellowtail Flounder SAP). This report must be submitted daily by 9:00 AM the day AFTER the fish were caught.

Note: The VTR serial number must be the same number reported to the seafood dealer receiving the landings at the end of the trip. If you use multiple pages of the VTR on the trip, record the serial number from the first VTR page used.

Date Fish Caught: Month (01-12) \_\_\_\_ Day (01-31) \_\_\_\_  
Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Statistical Area: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIES	CATCH (LBS)	DISCARD (LBS)
=====	=====	=====
Cod	_____	_____
Yellowtail Flounder	_____	_____
American Plaice	_____	_____
White Hake	_____	_____
Winter Flounder	_____	_____
Witch Flounder	_____	_____
Haddock	_____	_____

## **ATTACHMENT 5**

### **Gulf of Maine Cod Trip Limit Exemption**

This 'form' will consist of the following verbiage:

“Submit this form, prior to leaving port, if you intend to fish south of the Gulf of Maine - Regulated Mesh Area (GOM RMA) and would like to be exempt from the GOM cod trip limit and subject to the Georges Bank (GB) trip limit instead. If you submit this form you will be subject to the GB cod trip and can't fish in the GOM RMA for the duration of your trip. Transiting is allowed provided all gear is properly stowed while within the GOM RMA. Vessels declaring into the US/Canada Management Area are not required to submit this form.”

## **ATTACHMENT 6**

### **GOM or SNE Differential Area Layover**

This 'form' will consist of the following verbiage:

“Submit this form if you are laying-over in the Gulf of Maine or Southern New England Differential DAS Area (GOM DA, SNE DA). If you are in the GOM DA or SNE DA and are neither transiting, nor declared via VMS into the GOM DA or SNE DA, you must submit this form to indicate that you are laying-over due to inclement weather or some other event beyond your control.”

## **ATTACHMENT 7**

### **Cod Running Clock**

This 'form' will consist of the following verbiage:

“Submit this form if not enough Days-at-Sea (DAS) have elapsed to account for the amount of cod on board your vessel (i.e., 24 hours for each day’s worth of Gulf of Maine cod or Georges Bank cod) and you are NOT fishing in the GOM or SNE Differential Areas. You will be charged up to an additional 24 hours of DAS to fully account for the amount of cod on board your vessel.

You must submit this form before you cross the demarcation line on your return to port.”

## ATTACHMENT 8

# DESCRIPTION OF TERMS USED ON THE VMS DECLARATION SCREEN

### REGULAR ACCESS NE MULTISPECIES TRIPS:

Type of Trip:

**REGULAR ACCESS (NMS-MUL):** For trips that are not going into a special management program and are fishing under a Category A DAS

Location: 3 Options

- **OPEN:** For trips that are not in a DA
- **GOM DA:** For trips into the GOM DA
- **SNE DA:** For trips into the Southern New England DA

Gear: 3 Options

- **NON-GILLNET:** For vessels not fishing with a gillnet for the entire trip
- **DAY GILLNET:** For vessels fishing with a gillnet and declared on an annual basis as a Day gillnetter
- **TRIP GILLNET:** For vessels fishing with a gillnet and declared on an annual basis as a Trip gillnetter

### Examples of DAS Charges for Regular Access Trips:

Type of Trip	Location	Gear	DAS Charge
<b>Regular Access</b> (no special program, only category A DAS)	OPEN	Non-Gillnet or Trip Gillnet	Actual time entire trip
	GOM DA	Non-Gillnet or Trip Gillnet	2:1 entire trip
	SNE DA	Non-Gillnet or Trip Gillnet	2:1 for time spent in the SNE DA, plus actual time outside SNE DA
	OPEN	Day-Gillnet	Actual time for trips less than 3 hr or greater than 15 hr; 15 hr for trips between 3 and 15 hr
	GOM DA	Day-Gillnet	2:1 for trips less than 3 hr or greater than 7.5 hr; 15 hr for trips between 3 and 7.5 hr
	SNE DA	Day-Gillnet	For time in SNE DA, 2:1 for less than 3 hr or greater than 7.5 hr; 15 hr for between 3 and 7.5 hr; + actual time outside

### SPECIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM MULTISPECIES TRIPS:

Type of Trip:

**SPECIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:** For trips into either the U.S./Canada Management Area, the Regular B DAS Program or a SAP

Program: 3 Options

1) **US/CAN AREA (NMS-USC):** For trips into either the Western or Eastern U.S./Canada Area

Location: 7 Options

- **AREA 2:** For trips into the Eastern U.S./Canada Area (and not a SAP on the SAME trip)
- **AREA 5:** For trips fishing in the Eastern U.S./Canada Haddock SAP only
- **AREA 6:** For trips into the Eastern U.S./Canada Area AND fishing in the Eastern U.S./Canada Haddock SAP
- **4 ONLY:** For trips into the Western U.S./Canada Area only
- **4+OPEN:** For trips into the Western U.S./Canada Area and outside of the U.S./Canada Management Area
- **4+GOM DA:** For trips into the Western U.S./Canada Area and in the GOM DA
- **4+SNE DA:** For trips into the Western U.S./Canada Area and in the SNE DA

DAS Type:

- **A DAYS:** For trips declaring a Category A DAS from the start of the trip, or flipping to a Category A DAS after fishing under a Category B DAS
- **B-REG:** For trips fishing in a SAP (Area 5) and fishing under a Regular B DAS. NOTE: THIS ONLY APPLIES TO FISHING UNDER A SAP. TO FISH IN THE REGULAR B DAS PROGRAM, SELECT NMS-BDP PROGRAM CODE BELOW
- **B-RES:** For trips fishing in a SAP (i.e., Area 5)

Fishing Inside and Outside of the Eastern U.S./Canada Area (“Flexing”):

- **FLEX WEST:** For trips fishing in the Eastern U.S./Canada Area and then in the Western U.S./Canada Area on the same trip
- **FLEX OUT:** For trips fishing in the Eastern U.S./Canada Area and then outside of the U.S./Canada Management Areas on the same trip
- **FLEX GOM DA:** For trips fishing in the Eastern U.S./Canada Area and then in the GOM DA on the same trip
- **FLEX SNE DA:** For trips fishing in the Eastern U.S./Canada Area and then in the SNE DA on the same trip

2) **B-DAS PROGRAM (NMS-BDP):** For trips in the Regular B DAS Program

Location: 8 Options

- **OPEN ONLY:** For trips under the Regular B DAS Program (outside of the U.S./Canada Management Area)
- **OPEN+GOM DA:** For trips under the Regular B DAS Program (outside of the U.S./Canada Management Area) and in the GOM DA

- **OPEN+ SNE DA:** For trips under the Regular B DAS Program (outside of the U.S./Canada Management Area) and in the SNE DA
- **AREA 2:** For trips under the Regular B DAS Program in the Eastern U.S./Canada Area
- **4 ONLY:** For trips under the Regular B DAS Program in the Western U.S./Canada Area
- **4+OPEN:** For trips under the Regular B DAS Program in the Western U.S./Canada Area and outside of the U.S./Canada Management Area
- **4+OPEN+GOM DA:** For trips under the Regular B DAS Program in the Western U.S./Canada Area, outside of the U.S./Canada Management Area and in the GOM DA
- **4+OPEN+SNE DA:** For trips under the Regular B DAS Program in the Western U.S./Canada Area, outside of the U.S./Canada Management Area and in the SNE DA

DAS Type:

- **B-REG:** For trips under the Regular B DAS Program
- **A DAYS:** For trips under the Regular B DAS Program that are required to flip to a Category A DAS

Flex Trips (“Flexing”) While in the Regular B DAS Program:

- **FLEX WEST:** For trips fishing in the Eastern U.S./Canada Area and then in the Western U.S./Canada Area
- **FLEX OUT:** For trips fishing in the Eastern U.S./Canada Area and then outside of the U.S./Canada Management Area
- **FLEX GOM DA:** For trips fishing in the Eastern U.S./Canada Area and then in the GOM DA
- **FLEX SNE DA:** For trips fishing in the Eastern U.S./Canada Area and then in the SNE DA

3) **CA-I HOOK GEAR HADDOCK SAP (NMS\_HGH)**

DAS Type: 3 Options

- **A DAYS (SECTOR ONLY):** For members of either the Georges Bank Cod Hook Sector or Georges Bank Cod Fixed Gear Sector only. Non-sector members may not use a Category A DAS in this SAP
- **B-REG:** For any vessel fishing in this SAP
- **B-RES:** For any vessel fishing in this SAP

## ATTACHMENT 9

### EXAMPLES OF DAS CHARGES FOR SPECIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM TRIPS:

#### U.S./CANADA MANAGEMENT AREA (NMS-USC)

<b>Location</b>	<b>DAS Type</b>	<b>Gear</b>	<b>DAS Charge</b>
4 ONLY; or 4+OPEN	A DAS	Non-Gillnet and Trip Gillnet	Category A at 1:1
4 ONLY; or 4+OPEN	A DAS	Day Gillnet	Category A at 1:1 for trips less than 3 hr or greater than 15 hr; 15 hr for trips between 3 and 15 hr
4+GOM DA	A DAS	Non-Gillnet and Trip Gillnet	Category A at 2:1 entire trip
4+GOM DA	A DAS	Day Gillnet	Category A at 2:1 for trips less than 3 hr or greater than 7.5 hr; 15 hr for between 3 and 7.5 hr
4+ SNE DA	A DAS	Non-Gillnet and Trip Gillnet	Category A at 2:1 for time in SNE and 1:1 for time outside SNE DA
4+ SNE DA	A DAS	Day Gillnet	Category A at 2:1 for time in SNE DA less than 3 hr or greater than 7.5 hr; 15 hr for between 3 and 7.5 hr in SNE DAS; plus 1:1 (actual time) for time outside SNE DA
AREA 2	A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl or Flounder Net, or non trawl gear	Category A at 1:1 for time in Eastern U.S./CA
AREA 2 and FLEX WEST, or FLEX OUT	A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl or Flounder Net, or non Day Gillnet	Category A at 1:1 for entire trip (no steaming time credit)
AREA 2 and FLEX GOM DA	A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl or Flounder Net, or non Day Gillnet	Category A DAS at 2:1 entire trip (no steaming time credit)
AREA 2 and FLEX SNE DA	A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl or Flounder Net, or non Day Gillnet	Category A at 2:1 for time spent in SNE DA plus 1:1 for time spent outside SNE DA (no steaming time credit)
AREA 2	A DAS	Day Gillnet	Category A at 1:1 for trips less than 3 hr or greater than 15 hr; 15 hr for trips between 3 and 15 hr. For time in Eastern U.S./CA (steaming time credit)
AREA 2 and FLEX WEST or FLEX OUT	A DAS	Day Gillnet	Category A at 1:1 for trips less than 3 hr or greater than 15 hr; 15 hr for trips between 3 and 15 hr. For entire trip (no steaming time credit)
<b>Location</b>	<b>DAS Type</b>	<b>Gear</b>	<b>DAS Charge</b>
AREA 2 and FLEX GOM DA	A DAS	Day Gillnet	Category A at 2:1 for trips less than 3 hr or greater than 7.5 hr, 15 hr for trips between 3 and 7.5 hr; For entire trip (no steaming time credit)
AREA 2 and FLEX SNE DA	A DAS	Day Gillnet	Category A at 2:1 for time in SEN DA less than 3 hr or greater than 7.5 hr; 15 hr

			for between 3 and 7.5 hr in SNE DA. 1:1 for time outside SNE DA (no steaming time credit)
AREA 5	A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A at 1:1 for time spent in Eastern U.S./Canada Area (steaming time credit)
AREA 5 and FLEX OUT or FLEX WEST	A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A at 1:1 for entire trip (no steaming time credit)
AREA 5 and FLEX GOM DA	A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A DAS at 2:1 entire trip (no steaming time credit)
AREA 5 and FLEX SNE DA	A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A at 2:1 for time spent in SNE DA plus 1:1 for time spent outside SNE DA (no steaming time credit)
AREA 5	B Regular or B Reserve DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category B at 1:1 for time spent in Eastern U.S./Canada Area (steaming time credit)
AREA 5	Category B, then Flip to Category A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A at 1:1 for time spent in Eastern U.S./Canada Area (steaming time credit)
AREA 5 and FLEX WEST, or FLEX OUT	Category B, then Flip to Category A DAS required when Flexing	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A at 1:1 for entire trip (no steaming time credit)
AREA 5 and FLEX GOM DA	Category B, then Flip to Category A DAS required when Flexing	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A DAS at 2:1 entire trip (no steaming time credit)
AREA 5 and FLEX SNE DA	Category B, then Flip to Category A DAS required when Flexing	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A at 2:1 for time spent in SNE DA plus 1:1 for time spent outside SNE DA (no steaming time credit)
AREA 6	Category A DAS (no Category B allowed)	Haddock Separator Trawl while in SAP	Category A at 1:1 for time spent in Eastern U.S./Canada Area (steaming time credit)
AREA 6 and FLEX OUT or FLEX WEST	Category A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl while in SAP	Category A at 1:1 for entire trip (no steaming time credit)
AREA 6 and FLEX GOM DA	Category A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl while in SAP	Category A DAS at 2:1 entire trip (no steaming time credit)
AREA 6 and FLEX SNE DA	Category A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl while in SAP	Category A at 2:1 for time spent in SNE DA plus 1:1 for time spent outside SNE DA (no steaming time credit)

**REGULAR B DAS PROGRAM (NMS-BDP)**

<b>Location</b>	<b>DAS Type</b>	<b>Gear</b>	<b>DAS Charge</b>
OPEN ONLY	B-REG (trip ends on B-REG)	Haddock Separator Trawl	B-REG at calendar day for every calendar day or part of a calendar day fished
OPEN ONLY	B-REG, then <b>flipped</b> to a Category A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A at 1:1 for the entire trip
OPEN+ GOM DA	B-REG (trip ends on B-REG)	Haddock Separator Trawl	B-REG at calendar day for every calendar day or part of a calendar day fished
OPEN+ SNE DA	B-REG (trip ends on B-REG)	Haddock Separator Trawl	B-REG at calendar day for every calendar day or part of a calendar day fished
OPEN+ GOM DA	B-REG, then <b>flip</b> to Category A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A at 2:1 for entire trip
OPEN+ SNE DA	B-REG, then <b>flip</b> to Category A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A at 2:1 for time in SNE DA and at 1:1 for time outside SNE DA
4 ONLY, or 4+OPEN	B-REG (trip ends on B-REG)	Haddock Separator Trawl	B-REG at calendar day for every calendar day or part of a calendar day fished (no steaming time credit)
4 ONLY, or 4+OPEN	B-REG, then <b>flip</b> to Category A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A at 1:1 for the entire trip
AREA 4+OPEN+GOM DA	B-REG (trip ends on B-REG)	Haddock Separator Trawl	B-REG at calendar day for every calendar day or part of a calendar day fished
AREA 4+OPEN+GOM DA	B-REG, then <b>flip</b> to Category A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A at 2:1 for entire trip
AREA 4+OPEN+SNE DA	B-REG (trip ends on B-REG)	Haddock Separator Trawl	B-REG at calendar day for every calendar day or part of a calendar day fished
AREA 4+OPEN+SNE DA	B-REG, then <b>flip</b> to Category A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A at 2:1 for time in SNE DA and at 1:1 for time outside SNE DA
AREA 2	B-REG (trip ends on B-REG)	Haddock Separator Trawl	B-REG at calendar day for every calendar day or part of a calendar day fished for time in Area 2 (steaming time credit)
AREA 2	B-REG, then <b>flip</b> to Category A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A at 1:1 for time in Area 2 (steaming time credit)
AREA 2 and FLEX OUT or FLEX WEST, or FLEX GOM DA, or FLEX SNE DA	B-REG (trip ends on B-REG)	Haddock Separator Trawl	B-REG at calendar day for every calendar day or part of a calendar day fished (no steaming time credit)

<b>Location</b>	<b>DAS Type</b>	<b>Gear</b>	<b>DAS Charge</b>
AREA 2 and FLEX OUT or FLEX WEST	B-REG, then <b>flip</b> to Category A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A at 1:1 for the entire trip
AREA 2 and FLEX GOM DA	B-REG then <b>flip</b> to Category A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A at 2:1 for entire trip
AREA 2 and FLEX SNE DA	B-REG then <b>flip</b> to Category A DAS	Haddock Separator Trawl	Category A at 2:1 for time in SNE DA and at 1:1 for time outside SNE DA

**CLOSED AREA I HOOK GEAR HADDOCK SAP (NMS-HGH)**

<b>Location</b>	<b>DAS Type</b>	<b>Gear</b>	<b>DAS Charge</b>
Closed Area 1 SAP	Category A (may only be used by Sector members)	Hook Gear	Category A DAS; Actual time
Closed Area I SAP	Category B	Hook Gear	Category B DAS; Actual time