



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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Updated Annual Catch Limits for Sectors and Common Pool Vessels for
Fishing Year 2015

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1. **Sector Catch Limits and Sector Carryover:** The sector and the common pool allocations have been adjusted based on final sector enrollment for the 2015 fishing year, as follows:
 - As of May 1, 2015, there are 838 vessels in sectors.
 - Table 1 shows their ACE and available carryover.
2. **Common Pool Reductions:** The Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod common pool allocation for fishing year 2015 is reduced due to a fishing year 2014 overage (Table 2). The 2.8 mt fishing year 2014 common pool total allowable catch (TAC) for Eastern GB cod was exceeded by 1.3 mt (48 percent). Therefore, this action reduces the initially allocated 2.7-mt fishing year 2015 Eastern GB cod common pool allocation by 1.3 mt, leaving an adjusted allocation of 1.4 mt for the remainder of the fishing year.
3. **Final Common Pool Trimester Quotas:** Table 3 shows the final fishing year 2015 common pool trimester quotas adjusted for sector enrollment and the Eastern GB cod reduction.

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Table 1. Total ACE Available to Sectors in Fishing Year 2015 with Maximum Carryover (1,000 lb)¹

	GB Cod East	GB Cod West	GOM Cod	GB Haddock East	GB Haddock West	GOM Haddock	GB Yellowtail Flounder	SNE/MA Yellowtail Flounder	CC/GOM Yellowtail Flounder	Plaice	Witch Flounder	GB Winter Flounder	GOM Winter Flounder	SNE/MA Winter Flounder	Redfish	White Hake	Pollock
FGS	76	1,064	13	2,255	657	41	0	5	32	32	30	1	123	70	702	575	2,353
MCCS	1	8	23	15	4	56	0	8	11	242	74	0	18	6	640	443	1,208
MPB	0	5	5	17	4	24	0	0	3	36	10	0	4	1	200	158	510
NCCS	0	7	4	54	15	9	4	10	7	10	4	2	8	9	116	86	163
NEFS 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEFS 2	16	222	93	4,182	1,218	363	8	17	201	249	175	138	166	98	3,770	609	3,765
NEFS 3	3	44	70	56	16	198	0	5	91	130	39	1	84	23	331	456	1,941
NEFS 4	11	161	49	2,089	608	183	9	31	57	300	119	30	57	39	1,700	813	1,957
NEFS 5	2	28	0	336	103	3	5	275	2	13	8	19	0	376	6	10	30
NEFS 6	8	112	15	1,144	333	85	12	70	40	125	74	65	42	59	1,359	394	1,050
NEFS 7	13	179	4	1,765	517	15	45	57	45	122	53	445	26	149	155	88	240
NEFS 8	16	230	1	2,296	672	2	42	72	47	51	31	648	11	299	136	47	182
NEFS 9	39	554	9	4,542	1,322	106	115	105	111	273	117	1,700	22	561	1,492	419	1,347
NEFS 10	2	29	27	98	29	57	0	7	139	56	34	0	165	22	140	92	463
NEFS 11	1	16	65	15	4	71	0	0	28	69	30	0	21	1	508	487	3,008
NEFS 13	22	309	4	6,252	1,820	21	106	246	51	170	87	311	19	330	1,019	176	724
NHPB	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	8	34
SHS 1	5	114	30	875	1,083	124	4	13	36	258	79	262	49	57	1,702	728	1,838
SHS 3	53	714	70	12,815	2,896	821	71	129	115	1,070	419	636	49	580	11,484	4,418	10,836
Total	267	3,794	488	38,807	11,301	2,179	422	1,051	1,017	3,208	1,385	4,258	863	2,679	25,466	10,009	31,649

Georges Bank Cod Fixed Gear Sector (FGS), Maine Coast Community Sector (MCCS), Maine Permit Bank (MPB), New Hampshire Permit Bank (NHPB), Northeast Coastal Communities Sector (NCCS), Northeast Fishery Sectors (NEFS), and Sustainable Harvest Sector (SHS)

¹All ACE values for sectors assume that each sector permit is valid for FY 2015.

Table 2. Adjustment of Fishing Year 2015 Common Pool GB Cod TAC to Account for Fishing Year 2014 Overage (mt)

Eastern GB Cod TAC	2014 Eastern GB Cod Deduction	Adjusted Eastern GB Cod TAC	Western GB Cod TAC	Total GB TAC	Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
2.7	-1.3	1.4	36.0	37.3	9.3	13.8	14.2

Table 3. Adjusted Common Pool Trimester Quotas for Fishing Year 2015

Stock	Percentage of sub-ACL			2015 Trimester TAC (mt)		
	Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3	Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
GB Cod	25	37	38	9.3	13.8	14.2
GOM Cod	27	36	37	1.5	2.0	2.1
GB Haddock	27	33	40	52.0	63.6	77.1
GOM Haddock	27	26	47	3.32	3.19	5.77
GB Yellowtail Flounder	19	30	52	0.7	1.1	1.9
SNE/MA Yellowtail Flounder	21	37	42	24.1	42.4	48.1
CC/GOM Yellowtail Flounder	35	35	30	7.3	7.3	6.3
American Plaice	24	36	40	6.5	9.7	10.8
Witch Flounder	27	31	42	3.8	4.3	5.9
GB Winter Flounder	8	24	69	1.5	4.4	12.6
GOM Winter Flounder	37	38	25	7.9	8.1	5.3
Redfish	25	31	44	15.9	19.7	28.0
White Hake	38	31	31	12.0	9.8	9.8
Pollock	28	35	37	24.2	30.3	32.0