

**AMENDMENT 4 TO THE NORTHEAST FISHERY SECTOR XIII OPERATIONS
PLAN FOR FISHING YEAR 2011**

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2012 – THE 2011 FISHING YEAR

This amendment approves 2 additional exemptions for Northeast Fishery Sector XIII. The new exemptions are:

1. Gear requirements in the U.S./Canada Management Area.
2. Requirement to maintain a vessel monitoring system (VMS) powered while at the dock.

The following exemptions were previously approved for Northeast Fishery Sector XIII and remain in effect:

1. 120-Day block requirement out of the fishery for day gillnet vessels.
2. Limitation on the number of gillnets that may be hauled on Georges Bank when fishing under a groundfish/monkfish Day-at-Sea (DAS).
3. Limitation on the number of gillnets for day gillnet vessels.
4. 20-Day Spawning Block.
5. Length and horsepower restrictions of the DAS Leasing Program.
6. Discarding exemption.
7. Dockside monitoring (DSM) requirements for vessels fishing west of 72°30' W. long.
8. DSM requirements for vessels fishing on both a monkfish and a multispecies DAS in the Southern Fishery Management Area (SFMA) using 10-inch or Greater Mesh.