

**AMENDMENT 4 TO THE NORTHEAST FISHERY SECTOR IX 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 IX. 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 IX and remain in effect:

1. 20-Day Spawning Block.
2. Length and horsepower restrictions of the Day-at-Sea (DAS) Leasing Program.
3. Dockside monitoring requirements for vessels fishing on both a monkfish and multispecies DAS in the Southern Fishery Management Area (SFMA) using 10-inch or greater mesh.