



Multispecies Sectors: Council Decisions on A16

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Northeast Region

Administrative

- Sector Definition: Only limited access permits may join.
- Sector must be 3 or more persons none of whom have ownership interests in the other two persons' vessels in that sector.

*NMFS administers.

Administrative

- CPH permits may join a sector: Sector membership must be tracked by MRI.
- All Federal and State permits owned by a sector member must be declared, as well as whether or not those permits are enrolled in any sector.

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Allocation

- Vessel PSCs are based on landings history only from FY96-06, except GB cod is FY96-01 for only those permits in a sector on March 1, 2008.
- Sectors will be provided a specific ACE for stocks with a TAC specific to the Eastern US/CA Area (GB cod and GB haddock).

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Allocation 2

- SNE/MA Winter Flounder*, wolffish, pout, and windowpane flounder not allocated to sectors.
- Sectors cannot possess these stocks.
*SNE/MA could be allocated in a biennial specs pkg or framework.

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ACE carryover and trade

- Sectors may carry over up to 10% of an ACE to the following year
- Sectors may trade ACE in year and up to two weeks after year ends
- Catch history frozen in A16*
- 20% of ACE held 61 days at start of year to balance previous year's overage

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Overage Penalties

- If a sector exceeds an ACE, the sector's allocation will be reduced by the overage in the following year.
- The sector and each vessel, operator, and owner may be charged jointly and severally for civil penalties and permit sanctions.

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Overage Penalties 2

- If a vessel leaves a sector after an overage that remaining vessels can cover, sector determines penalty.
- If a sector disbands after a sector overage, each permit receives a % reduction in DAS equal to maximum % overage of sector.

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Joint Liability

Sectors may be held jointly liable for violations of:

- ACE overages
- Discarding of legal-size fish
- Misreporting of catch (landings or discards)

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Dockside Monitoring

- 50% random in FY 2010
- 20% random in subsequent years

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Assumed Discard Rates

- Stock specific, gear specific if available.
- Based on the discard methodology used in the most recent assessment for the stock.
- Trip limit discards excluded.

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At-sea Monitoring

- Less than 100% at-sea monitoring with coverage levels set by NEFSC

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Provider Standards

- Detailed standards for dockside and at-sea monitoring service providers (4.3.3.5.5).
- Details demonstrating that provider meets requirements must be in sector Operations Plan.

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Annual Reports

Sector Annual Reports:

- Within 60 days of year end
- Catch and landings of ALL species
- Enforcement actions
- List of vessels/permits fishing groundfish, fishing other species, and not fishing.

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E. US/CA Haddock SAP

- Sectors follow all reporting requirements
- Catch counts against ACE
- Access to CAll portion during SAP operating season
- No specific gear requirements

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CA II Yellowtail SAP

- Sectors follow all reporting and gear requirements
- No cod, haddock or yellowtail trip limits
- No limit on number of trips
 - *RA has flexibility to remove sector vessel SAP reporting requirements if found to be unnecessary

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Universal Exemptions

- Trip limits on allocated stocks
- Seasonal Closed Areas (GB Seasonal Closure Area in May)
- Groundfish DAS restrictions
- Use of 6-inch cod ends on Ruhl and haddock separator trawls

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Universal Exemptions

- GOM Rolling Closures Except:
April: 124, 125, 132, 133
May: 132, 133, 138, 139, 140
June: 139, 140, 145, 146, 147, 152
- PDT may adjust in bi-annual specs to protect concentrations of spawning cod.

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Reporting requirements

- Vessels must declare into 1 of 4 broad areas, or multiple areas, by VMS before initiating a trip.
- Vessels declaring more than 1 area must submit daily catch reports by VMS.