



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
**NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE**  
**NORTHEAST REGION**  
55 Great Republic Drive  
Gloucester, MA 01930-2276

August 19, 2009

Dear Limited Access Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) recently adopted Amendment 16 to the NE Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for submission to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Amendment 16 proposes to create 17 new sectors and modify the two existing sectors. It also proposes that the basis for determining vessels' potential sector contributions (PSC) should be a combination of PSC Options 1 and 5, which were explained in our May 14, 2009, permit holder letter. Thus, Amendment 16 proposes to base the PSC calculation for allocated groundfish stocks on accumulated catch histories from fishing year (FY) 1996 through FY 2006 for all stocks except Georges Bank (GB) cod. GB cod PSC for permits committed to either of the two existing sectors as of March 1, 2008, will be calculated based on the accumulated catch histories from FY 1996 through FY 2001, while the GB cod PSC for all other permits will be calculated based on FY 1996 through FY 2006.

In order to participate in a sector in FY 2010, the owner of a permit must sign a sector contract for that permit by September 1, 2009. Each permit may only be signed into one sector by its owner. Owners have through April 30, 2010, to decide whether to keep their permit in that sector or to move their permit to the common pool for FY 2010. Please note these deadlines are for sectors to provide notice of roster membership to NMFS; sector managers or representatives may set additional deadlines for prospective sector members.

In preparation for implementation of sectors in FY 2010, NMFS is providing you with revised PSC data for your permit, as well as your preliminary DAS allocation for FY 2010 as proposed in Amendment 16. These data will allow you to make an informed decision about whether to participate in a sector or remain in the common pool in FY 2010.

This updated PSC information is based on limited corrections made to some sector allocation data, and a revision to the calculation of PSC Option 5. These data corrections have limited effects for most permits, but a substantial change for a small number of permits. We advise you to review your data carefully.

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Vessels fishing in the common pool in FY 2010 will be subject to a reduced DAS allocation under Amendment 16. The FY 2010 DAS allocation should be deemed preliminary, and does not account for any FY 2009 fishing activity. The proposed Amendment 16 common pool measures can be found at:

[http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/regs/infodocs/Mults\\_Amendment%2016%20common%20pool%208-09.pdf](http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/regs/infodocs/Mults_Amendment%2016%20common%20pool%208-09.pdf)

**Your preliminary FY 2010 DAS base allocation is: A days, B regular days and B reserve days.**

**Your updated PSC data are presented in the attachments.**

Please visit our website ([www.nero.noaa.gov/sfd/sfdmultisector.html](http://www.nero.noaa.gov/sfd/sfdmultisector.html)) or contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315 if you have any questions regarding proposed Amendment 16, your preliminary FY 2010 DAS allocation, sectors, or PSCs. Commonly asked questions on sector management can be found at:

<http://www.nero.noaa.gov/sfd/sectordocs/Sector%20Management%20Fact%20Sheet%20Aug%2009.pdf>

The information, data, and calculations contained in this letter are preliminary and advisory only, and do not necessarily reflect information, data, or calculations that may be used if Amendment 16 is approved and implemented by NMFS. Amendment 16 proposed measures are not binding or effective unless NMFS approves and implements them. All calculations and data are based on the best available information at the time this report was compiled. NMFS collects large amounts of data from federally permitted seafood dealers and fishing vessel owners. We strive to maintain accurate data, errors may occur both in the reports submitted by the industry and in the processing of the reports in the Northeast Regional Office. The responsibility to maintain complete and accurate information rests with both parties.

**Vessel Name:**

**Permit #:**

**Moratorium Right ID #:**

Sincerely,



for Patricia A. Kurkul  
Regional Administrator

Attachment (3)

cc: New England Fishery Management Council

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**Attachment A\*\*: Permit's Historic Landings and Percent of Total Landings by Entire Fishery**

Vessel Name, Permit # and Moratorium Right Id: , , and

Stock Area	FY1996-2006	
	live pounds	percent*
<b>Atlantic Cod</b>		
<b>GOM</b>		
<b>GB</b>		
<b>Haddock</b>		
<b>GOM</b>		
<b>GB</b>		
<b>Pollock</b>		
<b>White Hake</b>		
<b>Redfish</b>		
<b>American Plaice</b>		
<b>Winter Flounder</b>		
<b>GOM</b>		
<b>GB</b>		
<b>Witch Flounder</b>		
<b>Yellowtail Flounder</b>		
<b>CC/GOM</b>		
<b>GB</b>		
<b>SNE/MA</b>		

\* Total landings of stocks used as the denominator to produce the percentage are presented in Attachment B. This is NOT the permit's PSC.

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**Attachment B\*: Total Historic Landings of Stocks by Entire Fishery  
(Denominators)**

Vessel Name, permit # and MRI: , , and	
	<b>FY1996-2006</b>
Stock Area	(Live Pounds)
<b>Atlantic Cod</b>	
GOM	85,478,029
GB	151,509,815
<b>Haddock</b>	
GOM	19,063,771
GB	93,730,080
<b>Pollock</b>	
	111,645,385
<b>White Hake</b>	
	66,794,743
<b>Redfish</b>	
	9,004,720
<b>American Plaice</b>	
	68,767,921
<b>Winter Flounder</b>	
GOM	11,164,885
GB	42,297,772
<b>Witch Flounder</b>	
	56,580,776
<b>Yellowtail Flounder</b>	
CC/GOM	30,716,973
GB	64,217,075
SNE/MA	13,979,662
<b>Total</b>	

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## Attachment C\*: Potential Sector Contribution (PSC) Under Proposed Amendment 16

Vessel Name, permit # and MRI: , , and

Species Stock Area	(FY1996-FY2006) PSC
Atlantic Cod	
GOM	
GB <sup>3</sup>	3
Haddock	
GOM	
GB	
Pollock	
White Hake	
Redfish	
American Plaice	
Winter Flounder	
GOM	
GB	
Witch Flounder	
Yellowtail Flounder	
CC/GOM	
GB	
SNE/MA	

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- Note:
1. Potential sector contribution (PSC) is the share of the allocated stock quota your permit contributes to a sector if you join a sector.
  2. Due to minor adjustment of eligible participants, the percentage figures may be slightly different from those previously mailed to you previously.
  3. For permits that were not committed to an existing sector as of March 1, 2008, the PSC for Georges Bank (GB) cod is 95.24% of the percent of GB cod from FY1996-2006.

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