

**AMENDMENT #3 TO THE NORTHEAST FISHERY SECTOR IX  
FISHING YEAR (FY) 2010 SECTOR OPERATIONS PLAN**

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This amendment officially recognizes that the Northeast Fishery Sector IX FY2010 Operations Plan has been amended to include the following additional exemptions from regulations of the Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery Management Plan, made effective through a final rule published December 23, 2010 (75 FR 80720).

**Vessels participating in the Northeast Fishery Sector IX are granted the following additional exemptions (as described in 75 FR 80720):**

1. 20-Day Spawning Block: Exemption from the declaration of 20 days out of the fishery for the spawning season, specified in § 648.82(g); and
2. Length and Horsepower Restrictions of the DAS Leasing Program: Exemption from the restriction on the length and horsepower of a Lessee vessel, specified for the DAS Leasing Program in § 648.82(k)(4)(ix).