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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
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Small Entity Compliance Guide

Dear Limited Access Northeast (NE) Multispecies Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you that, effective 0001 hr local time, October 20, 2007, through 2400 hr local time, November 30, 2007:

- **The Eastern U.S./Canada Area, including the Eastern U.S./Canada Haddock Special Access Program (SAP), is open to limited access NE multispecies days-at-sea (DAS) vessels.**
- **The Georges Bank (GB) cod possession limit is 1,000 lb per trip for all limited access NE multispecies DAS vessels that have declared into either the Eastern U.S./Canada Area or the Eastern U.S./Canada Haddock SAP.**

This action is being taken in accordance with the NE multispecies regulations at 50 CFR 648.85(a)(3)(iv)(D) to allow NE multispecies DAS vessels increased access to the substantial Eastern U.S./Canada GB haddock total allowable catch (TAC) and to provide increased opportunities to achieve optimum yield in the groundfish fishery. The intended effect is to maximize the utility of the remaining GB cod TAC (103 mt remaining of 494 mt) by opening the Eastern U.S./Canada Area when GB haddock may be targeted with the lowest GB cod bycatch. Change in the GB cod trip limit from 500 lb/DAS, up to 5,000 lb/trip to 1,000 lb/trip is intended to ensure that GB cod remains a bycatch fishery. For further information, please call the Sustainable Fisheries Division at 978-281-9315

This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

This notice is authorized by the Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Region.

