

AMENDMENT 3 TO THE NORTHEAST FISHERY SECTOR VII OPERATIONS PLAN

APPROVED BY NOAA'S NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 26, 2018, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019

This amendment recognizes A.I.S., Inc., as the authorized at-sea monitoring service provider for the Northeast Fishery Sector VII. Specific contact information for this provider is:

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This document also amends the approved operations plan by including the following list of vessels authorized to harvest sector ACE:

Permit Number	Vessel Name
330326	SAO JACINTO

This document amends the approved operations plan by revising the following sections as specified below:

Section 6.1 (page 3):

The Board of Directors is as follows:

President: Virginia Martins

Treasurer: Tor Bendiksen

Clerk: Anne Jardin

Directors:

Virginia Martins, Tor Bendiksen, Anne Jardin, Daniel Georgianna, John Reardon,
Raymond Canastra, Richard Canastra

Section 7.5 (pages 6-7):

Re-direction of Effort:

During FY 2017, NEFS VII vessels switched fishing efforts into the following fisheries:

- Fishery: Scallop Gear: Trawl
- Fishery: Skate Gear: Trawl
- Fishery: Summer Flounder Gear: Trawl

During the first quarter of FY 2018, NEFS VII vessels switched effort into the following fisheries:

- Fishery: Scallop Gear: Trawl
- Fishery: Squid Gear: Trawl

During FY 2018, NEFS VII anticipates similar redirection of effort to the fisheries listed above.

Section 7.7 (page 7):

Consolidation and Redistribution of ACE: Scientific recommendations and Magnuson requirements will influence the level of consolidation that will continue to take place in the groundfish fishery. The Sector members intend to utilize sector management to mitigate excessive consolidation that may occur in the effort controlled system where overall management measures are based upon the weakest stocks. In FY 2017, 36% of the permits enrolled in the NEFS VII for FY 2018 are attached to vessels actively fishing for NE multispecies. For FY 2018, the NEFS VII sector has 56 permits currently enrolled. Of those permits, 1% is anticipated to actively fish for NE multispecies in FY 2018. While these numbers may change, the NEFS VII sector expects that, compared to FY 2017, there would be a net consolidation beyond what previously occurred among the NEFS VII as the share of ACE contributed by member permits is fished by fewer active vessels than in FY 2017. It can be anticipated that fewer active fishing vessels would result in job losses for fishing crews and the associated negative impacts could spread to fishing communities and industries reliant on commercial fishing. While fishers who remain in the fishery may experience a positive benefit, there would be fewer active fishers in the NE multispecies fishery.

Exhibit A, Section 21 (pages 27-28):

In addition to the Universal Exemptions granted to all Sectors, as referenced above and in §4.0 of 40 this Agreement, Members agree to abide by the following obligations as specified and authorized in their LOA, in order to utilize these Sector Specific Exemptions. Furthermore, 2 Members acknowledge that specific details pertaining to certain exemptions are located in 3 Exhibit B as required by NMFS:

- DAS Leasing Program Length and Horsepower Restrictions
- Trawl Gear Requirement in Eastern US/CA Management Area
- Requirement to declare intent to fish in Eastern US/CA SAP and CA II YT/Haddock SAP from the dock
- Seasonal Restrictions for the Eastern US/CA Haddock SAP
- Seasonal Restrictions for the CA II YT/Haddock SAP
- Minimum Mesh Size Requirements for directed Redfish Trips
- Prohibition on combining small mesh exempted fishery and sector trips

Exhibit A, Harvesting Rules, Section 26 (page 30):

Offloading Ports: The following list represents those ports where sector vessels are authorized to offload. Additionally, sector vessels are authorized to land fish to trucks within these same locations.

Primary Port(s) of Landing	Secondary Port(s) of Landing
New Bedford, Massachusetts	Newport, Rhode Island

Exhibit H (page 53):

Sector Communications Contacts					Mailing Address			
Name	Title	Responsibility	Email	Phone	Street	City	State	Zip
Cassie Canastra	Sector Manger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day-to-Day Sector Operations • Reporting i.e. vessel reporting requirements involving sector trips. • Sector Specific Outreach Sector Specific Research; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing Vessel specific research is vessel specific, contact vessel 	cassie@baseseafood.com	(508) 717-7214	62 Hassey St.	New Bedford	MA	02740
Elizabeth Etrie	Program Director, Northeast Sector Service Network	Data Management i.e. questions regarding software systems utilized by Sector for Weekly Report Computation	Libby.Etrie@gmail.com	(978) 491-1848	1 Blackburn Center	Gloucester	MA	01930
Jackie Odell	Executive Director, Northeast Seafood Coalition	Policy	jackie@northeastseafoodcoalition.org	(978) 283-9992	1 Blackburn Center	Gloucester	MA	01930
Owner of F/V	Owner of F/V	Sector Specific Research; Fishing Vessel specific research is vessel specific, contact vessel						