

**AMENDMENT 1 TO THE NORTHEAST FISHERY SECTOR V
OPERATIONS PLAN**

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This amendment recognizes Fathom Research, LLC, as the authorized at-sea monitoring service provider for the Northeast Fishery Sector V. Specific contact information for this provider is:

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New Bedford, MA 02740

This amendment also modifies the procedure for vessels fishing under the Small-Mesh Exemption. Upon completing the large-mesh portion of the trip, a vessel must submit a Multispecies Catch Report via VMS, with a good faith estimate of all catch on board, consistent with VMS instructions and Catch Reporting Guidance (see below). Vessels are no longer required to send a VMS message via email to NMFS Office of Law Enforcement, as described in "Prohibition on combining small-mesh exempted fishery and sector trips" section of the Operations Plan.