

**AMENDMENT 1 TO THE GEORGES BANK COD FIXED GEAR SECTOR
OPERATIONS PLAN**

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This amendment adds a sampling exemption to the Georges Bank Cod Fixed Gear Sector Operations Plan for 2017 - 2018, which allows sector vessels to temporarily retain catch that would otherwise need to be discarded for research sampling purposes only.