

# AMENDMENT 1 TO THE MAINE COAST COMMUNITY SECTOR OPERATIONS PLAN

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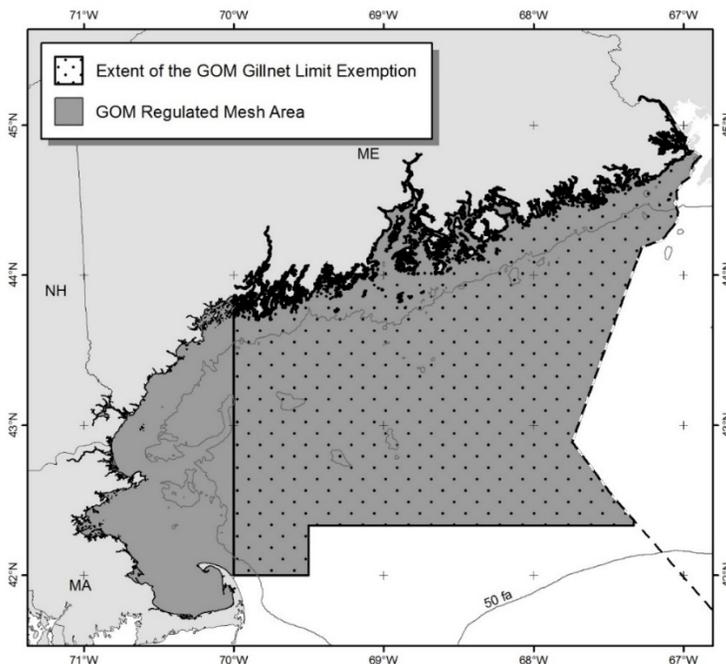
This document amends the section of this operations plan listing sector specific exemptions by adding the following exemption:

## *Day gillnet limit in the Gulf of Maine*

This document also amends the section of this operations plan that provides additional detail on sector specific exemptions by adding the following language:

### **Day gillnet limit in the Gulf of Maine**

*Day gillnet vessels may fish above the limit of 100 gillnets [specified in § 648.80 (a)(3)(iv)(B)(2)], up to 150 nets total under the following conditions: Any nets above the existing 100-net limit must have a minimum mesh size of 10.0 inches (25.4 cm) and may only be fished east of 70 degrees West longitude. Vessels are limited to no more than 50 roundfish gillnets. Vessels must comply with the net tagging requirements at § 648.80(a)(3)(iv)(B)(4), which require roundfish gillnets to be tagged with two tags per net, while flatfish gillnets may be marked with one tag per net, and all gillnets fished must be tagged.*



This document also amends this operations plan by adding the following:

*At-Sea Monitoring provider for fishing year 2018: In fishing year 2018 Maine Coast Community Sector will contract with MRAG Americas to provide ASM services to sector vessels. MRAG Americas can be contacted here,*

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*“2018 SECTOR MEMBERS: The following table identifies Maine Coast Community Sector Members during FY 2018.”*

<b>MRI</b>	<b>Permit No.</b>	<b>Vessel Name</b>	<b>Owner Name</b>	<b>Sector Member</b>
5	148076	RAY OF HOPE	Bryan Bichrest	Bryan Bichrest
16	114846	MARIE ANN	Craig Durant	Craig Durant
49	220149	ANNE MARIE	Russell Daggett	Russell Daggett
78	152120	GRACELYN JANE	DANNY BOY FISHERIES, INC	Brian Pearce
87	220989	HANNAH RUTH	Preston Scott Carter, Jr.	Scott Carter
97	221740	HAYLEY ANN	HAYLEY MARITIME INC	Joe Nickerson
112	242567	CAPT'N LEE	HILDA & HELEN INC	Justin Libby
130	212165	FREE BIRD	Brian Durant	Brian Durant
163	149741	ROYAL AMERICAN	Kelo Pinkham	Kelo Pinkham
164	223592	PROVIDENCE	EASY DOES IT INC	Willis Spear
192	232006	KATIE & SARAH	Robert Eugley, Jr.	Robert Eugley, Jr.
196	150946	JETHRO	MICHAELA ALICE INC	Troy Bichrest
207	149180	RUBY CLAIRE	THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
222	240081	NORTH STAR	BALZANO LLC	Vincent Balzano
235	240143	MISTY MAE	Donald Paulsen	Donald Paulsen
241	150423	HUNKY DORY	Terry Alexander	Terry Alexander
268	233869	BUG CATCHA	BUG CATCHER INC	Gerry Cushman
276	240423	MEGALTAY	Harold Todd Watts	Todd Watts
286	240636	HIGH ROLLER	Steven C Benner	Steven C Benner
290	152345	FLYING DUTCHMAN	EBEN R NIEUWKERK	EBEN R NIEUWKERK
338	131009	MR BAXTER	MARGARET F INC	Mark Bichrest
383	250387	ELLA CHRISTINE	Randy Cushman	Randy Cushman
402	CPH	BAD PENNY	Island Institute	Island Institute
411	150006	WATER TENDER	Dennis Robillard	Dennis Robillard
417	321079	DELIA D	THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
419	CPH	GENERATION	Gerry Cushman	Gerry Cushman
429	136846	PENNY B	Tad Miller	Tad Miller

<b>431</b>	CPH	LUKE AND GRACE	David Horner	David Horner
<b>455</b>	151328	PEARLY BAKER	THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
<b>461</b>	150572	THREES ENOUGH	Troy Bichrest	Troy Bichrest
<b>530</b>	149504	PHILLIS	MARGARET F INC	Mark Bichrest
<b>569</b>	150350	JOLY	Terry Alexander	Terry Alexander
<b>670</b>	330448	JENNIFER & EMILY	Mark Bichrest	Mark Bichrest
<b>747</b>	310421	Evangeline	The Nature Conservancy	The Nature Conservancy
<b>851</b>	128672	NIGHT OWL	MARGARET F INC	Mark Bichrest
<b>913</b>	330708	THE JOCKA	JORDAN LYNN INC	Terry Alexander
<b>1028</b>	410574	RUTH & PAT	MARGARET F INC	Mark Bichrest
<b>1256</b>	223471	SEA SPRAY II	John Daggett	John Daggett
<b>1257</b>	149637	VALERIE	THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
<b>1441</b>	233812	ROBYN ELIZABETH	Roger Allard	Roger Allard
<b>1445</b>	221941	SHANNON DAWN	Preston Scott Carter, Sr.	Preston Carter
<b>1446</b>	250907	CAROL ANN	GALLEY HATCH FISHERIES LLC	Gary Hatch
<b>1474</b>	250558	VIOLA LEE	THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
<b>1570</b>	232910	Sherm & Jake	Maynard E. Brewer	Maynard Brewer
<b>1578</b>	149582	JULIE ANN II	Dennis Robillard	Dennis Robillard
<b>1642</b>	151706	ELLA O	F/V JOHN V MILLER INC	Tad Miller
<b>1653</b>	241615	November Gale	Joseph B. Leask	Joe Leask
<b>1686</b>	148069	AVA & LAURA	Bryan Kelley	Bryan Kelley
<b>1801</b>	CPH	DELILAH JONES	ISLAND INSTITUTE FISHING PERMITS LLC	Island institute
<b>1809</b>	242848	JACOB AND JOSHUA	JACOB AND JOSHUA INC	Alexander Todd
<b>1815</b>	242777	PAMELA GRACE	MICHAELA ALICE INC	Troy Bichrest
<b>1823</b>	139950	PRETENDER	Mitchell T. Nunan	Mitch Nunan
<b>1835</b>	140344	THERESA IRENE III	Tom Casamassa	Tom Casamassa
<b>1864</b>	114793	ENDEAVOR	FATHERS & SONS FISHERIES INC	Dale Martel
<b>1957</b>	152172	JULIE ANN III	JILLITY LLC	Dennis Robillard
<b>2040</b>	410100	WESTERN SEA	WESTERN SEA INC	Glenn Robbins
<b>2052</b>	242609	AMANDA ELIZABETH	Gary Hawkes	Gary Hawkes
<b>2188</b>	222036	ANTOINETTE	REINIER NIEUWKERK	Knoep Nieuwkerk
<b>2204</b>	CPH	HAVEN LYN	Bryan Bichrest	Bryan Bichrest
<b>2237</b>	149493	CUTTER	REINIER NIEUWKERK	Knoep Nieuwkerk
<b>2260</b>	150163	BEVERLY JOYCE	F/V BEVERLY JOYCE INC	Robert Bichrest
<b>2273</b>	220363	SARAH GALE	Russell Daggett	Russell Daggett
<b>2341</b>	242844	SAFE HAVEN	Bryan Bichrest	Bryan Bichrest
<b>2392</b>	221064	LAUREN LINDSAY	Angus Crosby	Angus Crosby
<b>2404</b>	152100	CINDY LOU	F/V HANNAH JO LLC	Knoep Nieuwkerk
<b>2453</b>	118724	RACHEL T	JORDAN LYNN INC	Terry Alexander

This document also amends this operations plan by adding the following language:

***Electronic Monitoring Program in FY 2018***

*Vessel Operations*

*Sector vessels may use electronic monitoring (EM) systems (i.e. cameras, gear sensors, video recording equipment) in lieu of human at-sea monitors (ASM) to meet federal ASM requirements for fishing year 2018. These vessels may be authorized to use EM only under a valid Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) issued by NOAA Fisheries. Vessels fishing under the EFP must abide by all operational and reporting requirements and conditions outlined in the EFP and the vessel's Vessel Monitoring Plan.*

*Selection of Coverage*

*Sector vessels using EM are required to declare their intent to take a sector trip using the Pre-Trip Notification System (PTNS), consistent with standard notification protocols. PTNS selection and notification procedures for Northeast Fishery Observer Program (NEFOP) coverage under EM remains the same. Vessels fishing under this EFP are not exempt from the requirement to carry a NEFOP observer when selected for coverage.*

*Service Provider*

*The sector has selected the following Electronic Monitoring Service Provider to provide EM services to participating vessels for FY 2018.*

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