

AMENDMENT 2 TO THE NORTHEAST FISHERY SECTOR III OPERATIONS PLAN

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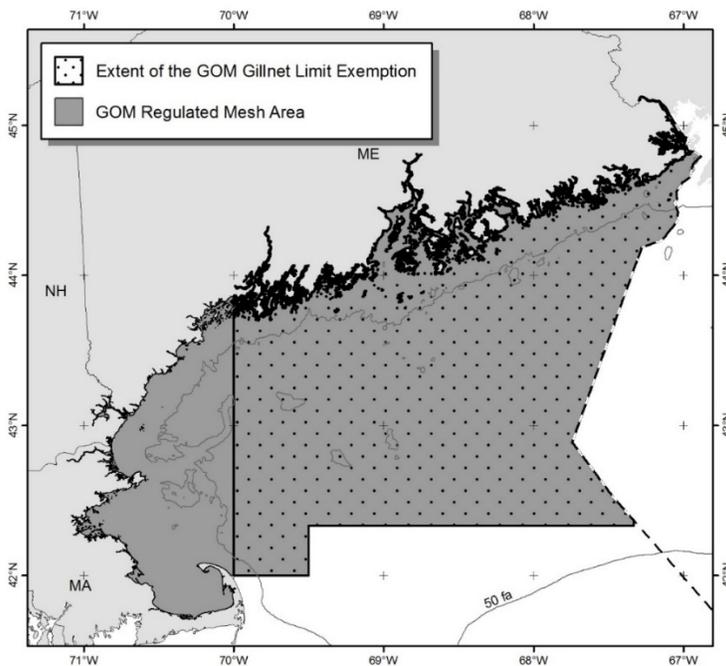
This document amends the section of this operations plan listing sector specific exemptions by adding the following exemption:

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:

“2018 SECTOR MEMBERS: The following table identifies Northeast Fishery Sector III Members during FY 2018.”

MRI	Permit No.	Vessel Name	Owner Name
8	148401		Catherine F Lobster Co. Inc
131	231019		Edward E. Smith
133	240896		A & J Fisheries Inc
157	138579		A & J Fisheries Inc
173	150534		Edward E. Smith
175	231019	Kathryn Leigh	William G. Brown V
214	233139	Aaron and Alexa	New Shell Lobsters Inc
337	242738	Hannah Story	White Wave, LLC
372	250311	Manford L. Porter	Homarus Americanus Inc
459	149171		Homarus Americanus Inc
477	251853	Claudia Marie	A & J Fisheries Inc
575	127504		A & J Fisheries Inc
1288	150659	Sea Skiff III	Gloucester Fishing Community Preservation Fund
1534	121155	Dunlin	Michael T. Frontiero
1574	123717		Never Home inc
1639	115856	Allison Carol	F/V Allison Carol
1652	121338	Labor in Vain	Douglas L. Germain
1701	240355	Kenneth J. Duncan	Homarus Americanus Inc
1770	127576		F/V Sasquatch, Inc
1859	240883		Ashley & Anthony Fisheries Inc
1997	220748	Carol Ann	Carol Ann & Sons inc
2014	230636		A & J Fisheries Inc
2019	241144	Janel Leigh	Janel Leigh Inc.
2032	146936		Scott O Swicker
2051	232312	Sharon E	White Wave, LLC
2055	151909	scooby Doo	Sundance Fisheries
2088	212924		David Jewell
2127	151160		A & J Fisheries Inc
2165	118832	Miss Meredith	Matthew G. Cooney
2195	240441		Catherine F Lobster Co. Inc
2320	124061	Miss Carla	Arthur H Sawyer Jr
2327	150785	Mikes Skiff	Michael T. Frontiero
2370	231161		John Greenleaf
2804	149180		A & J Fisheries Inc

3354	150655	Unnamed	Island Queen Fishing Corp.
3524	221275	Catherine M	Lance Edwards
3636	223677	Toby Ann	Brian Higgins
3787	150943		Edward E. Smith
47905	147994		Catherine F Lobster Co. Inc

This document also amends Section 2.1 of this document by adding the following:

“This criterion has been fulfilled for FY 2018 with MRI # 1288, under the distinct ownership of Gloucester Fishing Community Preservation Fund, MRI # 575 under the distinct ownership of A & J Fisheries Inc., and MRI # 214 under the distinct ownership of New Shell Lobster Inc.”

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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