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# Additional Correspondence



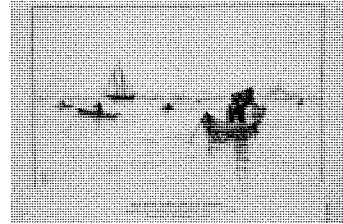
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**NORTHEAST HOOK  
FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION**

June 12, 2012

**New England Fishery Management Council**

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Dear NEFMC Council Members:

We represent a small group of Commercial Fishermen with the Limited Access Handgear HA Permits, employing the use Rod and Reel or Handlines to catch Cod, Haddock and Pollock along with small quantities of other regulated and non-regulated marine fish. Historically and currently our fishermen account for a very small percentage of the groundfish landed in New England. However, the monetary gains obtained by the participants in this fishery are very important to us.

Our review of the Council Documents for the New England Fishery Management Council Meeting June 2012 uncovered a very serious misinterpretation of the NEHFA comments regarding A18. In the "Summary of Public Comments Received by NEFMC and NERO/NMFS on Amendment 18 to the NE Multispecies FMP June 11, 2012" the document states on page 9:

"The Northeast Hook Fishermen's Association suggested having a separate sub-ACL for the hook association and remove them from the common pool."

This statement above in the document is not correct and implies that the NEHFA is seeking their own quotas only for members of the NEHFA. The NEHFA is requesting a separate cod sub ACL for ALL Handgear limited access Handgear HA permit holders to use no matter if they are members of the NEHFA or not. This is stated in our written comments on A18 as stated below:

"Allocate the handgear HA permit cod history (PSC) from 1996-2006 as a specific Sub ACL only to be used by Handgear HA fishermen."

Please enter this into the public record for comments for Council Meeting next week. If it is not to late please correct the document for the council meeting (if not already printed) or provide an errata sheet for the document and update what is on the council web site.

**Respectfully,**

**Marc Stettner /s/**

*If you are a holder of a groundfish HA permit and wish to join the NEHFA, please contact the NEHFA at the address above.*



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Dear NEFMC Council Members:

I am one of a small group of commercial fisherman with the Limited Access Handgear HA Permits, employing the use handlines or rod & reel to catch cod, haddock and other northeast multi-species ground fish.

My review of the Council Documents for the New England Fishery Management Council Meeting June 2012 uncovered a very serious misinterpretation of the NEHFA comments regarding A18. In the "Summary of Public Comments Received by NEFMC and NERO/NMFS on Amendment 18 to the NE Multispecies FMP June 11, 2012" the document states on page 9: "The Northeast Hook Fishermen's Association suggested having a separate sub-ACL for the hook association and remove them from the common pool."

I believe that this statement is not correct in the spirit of the proposal from NEHFA . The document is not correct and implies that the NEHFA is seeking their own quotas only for members of the NEHFA.

I believe there should be a separate cod sub ACL for ALL Handgear limited access Handgear HA permit holders to use no matter if they are members of the NEHFA or not. This is stated in the written comments on A18 as stated below:

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Sincerely  
Paul Hoffman

