

Appendix A

History of Past Management Actions and Impacts

DATE	ACTION	FEATURES THAT AFFECT RESOURCES, HABITAT AND COMMUNITIES	RESOURCE BENEFITS	HABITAT BENEFITS	COMMUNITY IMPACTS
1977	Original FMP	Cod, haddock and yellowtail annual and quarterly catch quotas Quota allocations by vessel class Trip or weekly catch limits	Moderate	Negligible	Moderate - High
1982	Interim Plan	George Bank Closed Areas (seasonal) Minimum mesh size requirements when fishing for cod, haddock or yellowtail flounder in GB and portions of the GOM (5.5") Minimum fish size requirements Permit requirements	Moderate-High	Low	Moderate-High
1986	Multispecies Plan	Inclusion of pollock, redfish, winter flounder, American plaice, witch flounder, windowpane flounder, and white hake Additional minimum fish size restrictions Extensions of GB spawning areas closures to protect haddock (seasonal) A SNE closure to protect yellowtail (seasonal)	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
1987-1991	Amendments 1-4	Closure of the Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic Yellowtail Area during March-May Extension of GB RMA Minimum mesh size requirements in SNE Exclusion of scallop dredge vessels from SNE closure Minimum fish size changes Gear restrictions in the Northern Shrimp fishery Inclusion of silver hake, red hake, and ocean pout	Moderate-High	Moderate	Moderate-High
1994 (01/03/94)	Emergency Action	Implementation of a 500-lb haddock trip limit Expansion of CAII in area and time (from 4 month to 6 months) Prohibition on scallop dredge vessels from possessing haddock during January-June Prohibition on pair-trawling for multispecies	Moderate	Low	Moderate

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1994	Amendment 5	Implementation of '94 Emergency Action year-round Moratorium on new entrants to the multispecies fishery An effort reduction program for most vessels whereby historical DAS would be reduced by 50% over a 5-7 year period SNE and MidAtl Regulated Mesh Area (RMA) (5.5") Increase mesh in GOM/GB RMA (6.0") Minimum fish sizes Suspension of CAI (except for gillnet vessels) Finfish excluder requirement for shrimp vessels Mandatory reporting and observer requirements Framework adjustment provisions	High	High	High
1994	Amendment 6	Implementation of March 1994 Emergency Action measures on a permanent basis	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
1994	Emergency Action	Year-round closure of redefined CAI, the Nantucket Lightship Closed Area and CAII - to protect cod, haddock and yellowtail flounder Prohibition on scallop vessels from fishing in the closed areas A small mesh prohibition - disallowance on any fishery utilizing mesh smaller than the minimum mesh size requirements, with the exception of fisheries that have been determined to have a catch of less than 5 % by weight of regulated species Prohibition on retaining regulated species w/ sm mesh Increase in SNE mesh size (6.0") Winter flounder exemption in state waters	High	High	High
1995	Framework 9	Implementation of December 1994 Emergency Action measures on a permanent basis	High	High	High

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1996	Amendment 7	Acceleration of Amendment 5 DAS reduction schedule Elimination of exemptions to effort control program Implementation of seasonal GOM closures Implementation of a 1,000 lb haddock trip limit Expansion of the 5% bycatch rule, where vessels fishing in the GOM/GB/SNE RMAs are allowed to fish only in an exempted fishery, under a multis or scallop DAS ,or under the Small Vessel permit category Establishment of an annual target TAC for cod, haddock and yellowtail stocks, and expansion of framework provisions to set annual TACs Restrictions on party/charter and recreational vessels	High	High	High
1997 (05/01/97)	Framework 20	Implementation of GOM cod daily trip limit (1,000 lb) Seasonal increase in haddock daily trip limit (1,000 lb) Gillnet effort-reduction measures, including net limits	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
1998 (04/09/98)	Framework 24	Adjustment to GOM cod trip limit – vessels must remain in port & run clock to account for cod overage Implementation of DAS carry-over provision Implementation of NAFO exemption	Low	Low	Moderate
1998 (05/01/98)	Framework 25	Implementation of GOM Inshore Closure Areas Implementation of year-round Western GOM Closure Area Addition of a seasonal offshore GOM closure area (Cashes Ledge Closure Area) Reduction in the GOM cod daily trip limit (700 lb)	High	High	High
1999 (01/19/99)	Framework 26	Expansion of April GOM Inshore Closure Area Addition of seasonal inshore GOM and Georges Bank area closures	Low	Low	Moderate

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1999 (05/01/99)	Framework 27	Elimination of the Northeast Closure Area Establishment of seasonal inshore GOM Rolling Closure Areas of greater size and duration than Inshore Closure Areas (from 1 month 2 months) Reconfiguration of the seasonal Cashes Ledge Closure Area and expansion in time (from 1 to 4 months) Exemption for scallop dredge vessels to fish within the GOM Rolling Closure Areas and Cashes Limitation on roller and rockhopper trawl gear to a maximum diameter of 12" within a GOM inshore area Decrease in the GOM cod daily trip limit (200 lb), w/ mechanism to reduce further if necessary (reduced to 30 lb on 5/28/99) Increase in the haddock daily trip limit (2,000 lb) Increase in GOM/GB/SNE square mesh size (6.5")	Moderate-High	Moderate	Moderate- High
1999 (07/29/99)	Interim Rule	GOM cod daily trip limit revision (100 lb/500 lb max) DAS running clock revised-cod overage limit to 1 day	Moderate	Low	Moderate
1999 (11/15/99)	Amendment 9	Prohibition on the use of Brush-Sweep Trawl gear Inclusion of halibut into the FMP Possession and size limit on halibut - 1 fish (36")	Moderate	High	Moderate
2000 (01/05/00)	Framework 31	Increase in GOM cod daily limit (400 lb/4,000 lb max) Additional February inshore GOM closure Extension of '99 Interim rule running clock measure	Moderate	Low-Moderate	Moderate
2000 (05/01/00)	Framework 33	Addition of a Georges Bank Seasonal Closure Addition of 2 1-month conditional GOM closure areas Increase in haddock daily trip limit (3,000 lb)	Moderate	Negligible	Moderate

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2002 (05/01/02)	Interim Action (Settlement Agreement)	Restriction on vessels using more than 25% of their DAS allocation during May-July 2002 Modification of DAS clock – all vessel trips 3-15 hours counted as 15 hours during May-July 2002 Year-round closure of Cashes Ledge Area Closure Expansion of Rolling Closure Area III and IV Prohibition on front-loading the DAS clock Increase in GOM trawl (codend) & gillnet mesh (6.5") Limitations on Day gillnets Restrictions on party/charter and recreational vessels	High	Moderate-High	High
2002 (08/01/02)	Interim Action (Settlement Agreement cont'd)	May 2002 interim measures continued Establishment of "used DAS baseline" and reduction of 20% from this baseline Freeze on Handgear permits & trip limit reduction Elimination of GOM January & February seasonal closure areas Increase in SNE trawl (codend) mesh (7.0/6.5" sq/diamond) Increase in GB gillnet mesh (6.5") Further limitations of both Day & Trip gillnets Increase in SNE gillnet mesh (6.5") Longline gear restrictions - prohibition on de-hookers (crucifiers) w/ < 6" spacing between fairlead rollers, hook size restrictions, and limit on number of hooks Increase in commercial cod fish size (22") Possession limits and restrictions on yellowtail catch Increase in GOM daily cod trip limit (500/4000 lb max)	High	Moderate	High

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2004 (05/01/04)	Amendment 13	Formal rebuilding programs for overfished stocks Categorization of DAS based on permit history during FY 1996 through FY 2001 Reduced DAS that can target any stock by 40 percent Changes to gear requirements Increased GOM cod landing limit, decreased GB cod landing limit Adopted U.S./Canada Resource Sharing Understanding Adopted process for implementing voluntary sectors Special Access Programs (SAPs) DAS leasing and transfer provisions Areas closed for habitat protection	High	Moderate	High
2004 (6/23/04)	Framework 16/39	Establishes requirements for scallop vessel access to groundfish mortality closed areas in order to facilitate scallop rotational management	Medium	Low	High
2004 (11/19/04)	Framework 40A	Incidental catch TACs for using Category B DAS Eastern U.S./Canada Area SAP Pilot Program CAI Hook Gear Haddock SAP Category B (regular) DAS Pilot Program Combined trips to the Western U.S./Canada Area	Medium	Low	Medium

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