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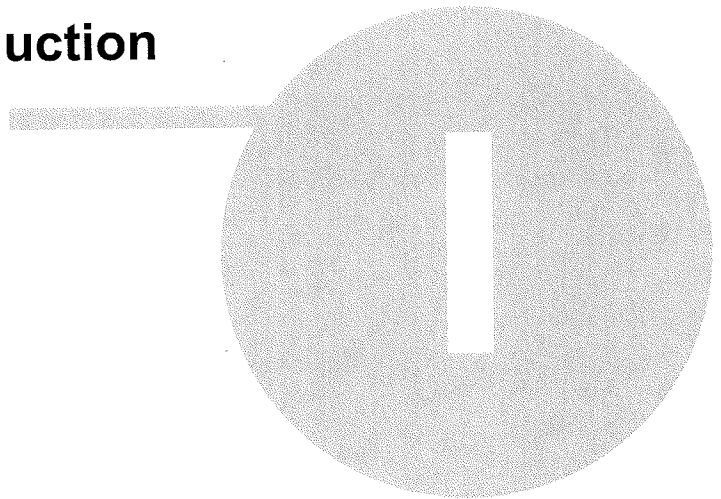


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# Introduction

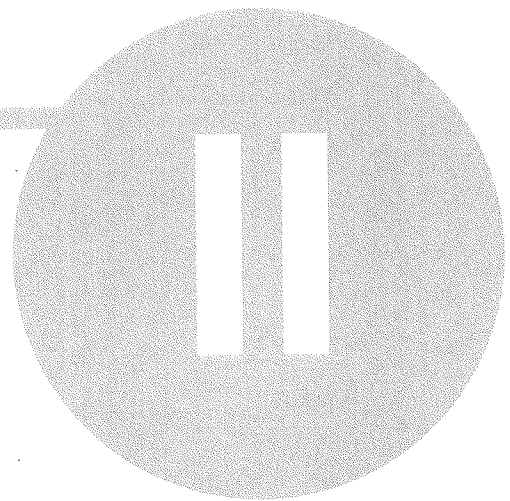


## Introduction

During the A16 comment period, several sectors requested changes to their proposals. These are reflected in this revised version of the decision document. The Groundfish Committee did not develop a recommendation.

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**Measures to  
Meet Mortality  
Objectives II**



## Measures to Meet Mortality Objectives II



## 4.4.6 Implementation of Additional Sectors

See page I-153.

A16 proposes to modify two existing sectors and implement 17 additional sectors.

### 4.4.6.2 Modifications to the Georges Bank Cod Hook Sector

- The sector would receive an allocation of all regulated groundfish stocks that are allocated to sectors (i.e. not just GB cod).
- Fishing would be allowed in all stock areas.

Requested exemptions will be consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

### 4.4.6.3 Modifications to the Fixed Gear Sector

- The sector would receive an allocation of all regulated groundfish stocks that are allocated to sectors (i.e. not just GB cod).
- Fishing would be allowed in all stock areas.

Requested exemptions will be consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

*The following sectors have requested authorization to operate. With one exception (Martha's Vineyard Sectors), they are not requesting any additional exemptions that would require specific Council approval if sector policies are approved as in the draft amendment. If the Council does not remove the cap on sector ACE, almost all sectors have asked to be exempt from that cap.*

### 4.4.6.4 Sustainable Harvest Sector

This sector will be comprised of more than 70 permit holders that will fish in all three stock areas Gulf of Maine, Georges Bank and Southern New England, using trawl, gillnet and longline fishing gear. Requested exemptions will be consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

### 4.4.6.5 Port Clyde Community Groundfish Sector

The Port Clyde Draggermen's Co-Op and the Midcoast Fishermen's Association propose a community-based sector. The proposal distributed to the Council contains one typographical error for requested exemptions that has been corrected. Requested exemptions are consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

***The Northeast Seafood Coalition has requested that the names and descriptions of thirteen sectors be revised. All sector descriptions will be revised to reflect that no internal limits on membership, and details of hailing ports, gear, and area fished will be described in the operations plans. The generic format for these sectors that will be used in the amendment will be:***

*Primary hailing and unloading ports: To be designated in the operations plan.*

*Gear: Primary and secondary gears will be designated in the operations plan.*

*Area: Intended fishing areas will be described in the operations plan, and will describe relative effort planned in the areas.*

4.4.6.6 Northeast Fishery Sector VII (old New Bedford Deep Water Trawl Sector)

Requested exemptions will be consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

4.4.6.7 Northeast Fishery Sector IV (old New Bedford and Southern New England Fixed Gear Sector)

Requested exemptions will be consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

4.4.6.8 Northeast Fishery Sector VIII (old New Bedford Channel Trawl Sector)

Requested exemptions will be consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

4.4.6.9 Northeast Fishery Sector XI (old New Hampshire and Southern Maine Fixed Gear Sector)

Requested exemptions will be consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

4.4.6.10 Northeast Fishery Sector XII (old) New Hampshire and Southern Maine Trawl Gulf of Maine Sector

Requested exemptions will be consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

4.4.6.11 Northeast Fishery Sector II (old Gloucester Trawl/Western Gulf of Maine Sector)

Requested exemptions will be consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

4.4.6.12 Northeast Fishery Sector III (old Gloucester Fixed Gear Sector)

Requested exemptions will be consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

4.4.6.13 Northeast Fishery Sector I (old Gloucester/Boston Trawl Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank Sector)

Requested exemptions will be consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

4.4.6.14 Northeast Fishery Sector X (old South Shore Trawl Sector)

Requested exemptions will be consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

4.4.6.15 Northeast Fishery Sector XIII (old South Shore Fixed Gear Sector)

Requested exemptions will be consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

4.4.6.16 Northeast Fishery Sector IX (old Point Judith and Southern New England Offshore Trawl Sector)

Requested exemptions will be consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

4.4.6.17 Northeast Fishery Sector IX (old Point Judith and Southern New England Trawl Sector)

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Requested exemptions will be consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

#### 4.4.6.18 Tri-State Sector

Working with the Cape Cod Commercial Hook Sector, this sector will be formed to operate in all management areas using all legal gear (trawl, gillnet, hook). Requested exemptions will be consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

#### 4.4.6.19 Northeast Fishery Sector VI (old Pier 6 Initiative)

Requested exemptions will be consistent with existing or proposed sector policies.

#### 4.4.6.20 Martha's Vineyard Community Sector

A sector is proposed based in Martha's Vineyard. This sector will take into account the unique situation of the Vineyard geographically and philosophically. This sector hopes to cooperate with other sectors, and the NEFMC and NMFS, to maintain a fishery on Martha's Vineyard.

Stocks: All regulated groundfish stocks (except Atlantic halibut, ocean pout, windowpane flounder) as proposed by Amendment 16. Development quota depending on allocation scheme chosen by the NEFMC. Martha's Vineyard reserves the right to apply for a Community

Development Quota. Aquinnah/Wampanoag Tribe issues to be resolved later. Requested exemptions are consistent with existing or proposed sector policies. ACE trading between sectors will be as set forth in A16.

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