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2001
January 9 – March 17 April 16 – April 30 Northern Shrimp season (61 days)
November 6: Daily haddock possession limit removed (maximum 50,000 lbs.-trip).
2002
February 15-March 11: Northern Shrimp season (25 days with days off)
May 1: Interim rule as a result of FW 33 lawsuit settlement agreement. Continuation of most measures from previous frameworks. <u>DAS</u> : 15 hour minimum charged for all trips over 3 hours Vessels limited to 25 percent of allocation May 1 through July 31, 2002 (only) Prohibition on front-loading DAS <u>Minimum size</u> : Cod 22 in. <u>Gear</u> : GOM Regulated Mesh Area (RMA): 6.5 in. diamond or square codend minimum, 6.5 inch mesh for trip gillnets, 6.5 inch mesh standup (roundfish) or 7 inch mesh tiedown (flatfish) for day gillnets. All areas: day gillnets limited to 50 standup/100 tiedown nets. <u>Hook gear</u> : de-hooking devices with spacing of less than six inches prohibited. <u>Closures</u> : WGOM year round closure extended (was to sunset May 1); Cashes Ledge Closed Area (year round); year round Cashes Ledge East and West closure added; add blocks 124/125 May, blocks 132/133 June, <u>Recreational</u> : Cod minimum size 23 in., GOM party/charter limited to 10 fish combined cod/haddock, all areas private recreational limited to 10 cod <u>Possession limits</u> : Remain the same. Haddock possession limit of 3,000 lbs.-DAS/30,000 lbs.-trip through September 30.
June 1: Revised interim rule <u>Minimum size</u> : Cod 19 in. <u>Closures</u> : Year-round Cashes Ledge east and west closures removed <u>Gear</u> : <u>Hook</u> : Requirement for six-inch spacing for de-hooking gear removed
July 4: Haddock daily limit suspended. Possession limit of 30,000 lbs.-trip until September 30, 50,000 lbs.-trip thereafter.
August 1: Emergency rule implementing FW 33 lawsuit settlement agreement. <u>DAS</u> : DAS allocation for each permit reduced 20 percent from maximum used FY 1996-2000 (est 71,218 allocated, including carry-over). DAS counted by the minute, except for day gillnet vessels (15 hour minimum). (This change reverted to DAS counting in effect in FY 2001). Prohibition on front-loading DAS clock. <u>Minimum size</u> : Cod 22 in. <u>Gear</u> : <u>Trawl</u> : GOM/GB RMAs: 6.5 in. diamond or square codend minimum; Southern New England RMA changed to 70W to 74W (vice 72-30W). 6.5 in. square, 7 in. diamond codend in SNE RMA. <u>Gillnet</u> : GOM: Trip gillnets – 6.5 in. mesh/150 nets; Day – 6.5 in./50 standup nets, 7 in./100 tiedown nets (prohibited March-June); GB – 6.5 in./50 nets, SNE – 6.5 in./75 nets; Mid-Atlantic: Trip – 5.5 in. diamond/6 in. square, Day – 5.5 in. diamond/6 in. square. <u>Hook</u> : no de-hookers with less than 6 in/. spacing, 12/0 circle hooks or larger; GOM: 2,000 rigged hooks, GB: 3,600 rigged hooks <u>Closures</u> : Add GB seasonal closure areas, May – Blocks 80, 81, 118, 119, 120 (south of 42-20N) <u>Possession limits</u> : <u>Yellowtail flounder</u> : SNE/MA: landing/possession of yellowtail flounder prohibited south of 40N. Mar 1 – May 31: 250 lbs./trip, June 1 – February 28: 500 lbs.-

<p>DAS/4,000 lbs. – trip. <i>Cod</i>: GOM: 500 lbs.-DAS/4,000 lbs./trip. Open access commercial permits limited to 200 lbs. regulated groundfish.</p> <p><u>Recreational</u>: <i>Cod/haddock</i>: 23 in. minimum size. <i>Party/charter</i>: GOM RMA: April-November, 10 cod/haddock combined per person, Dec-Mar – 10 cod/haddock combined, no more than 5 cod per person per trip. <i>Private</i>: GOM RMA: December-March – 10 cod/haddock combined, no more than 5 cod.</p>
2003
January 15-February 27: Northern Shrimp season (38 days with days off)
March 13: Haddock possession limit suspended until May 1.
May 1: Haddock possession limit of 3,000 lbs-DAS/30,000 lbs.-trip
<p>May 1: Framework Adjustment 37</p> <p>Modifications to whiting management measures: extension of Cultivator Shoal whiting fishery by one month (June 15-October 31), changes to default measures, minor changes to Cape Cod Bay Raised Footrope Trawl exemption area.</p>
May 13: Haddock possession limit revised to 30,000 lbs./trip (no daily limit).
<p>July 9: Framework Adjustment 38</p> <p>Raised footrope trawl whiting fishery in the inshore GOM, July 1 – November 30 each year.</p>
<p>July 28: Final emergency rule implementing FW 33 lawsuit settlement agreement</p> <p><u>Recreational</u>: <i>Haddock</i>, 21 in. minimum size. <i>Party/charter</i>: GOM: Apr-Nov, 10 cod per person, December-March, 5 cod per person. <i>Private</i>: GOM: December-March, 10 cod/haddock combined, no more than 5 cod. Other areas: 10 cod/haddock combined.</p>
October 7: Haddock possession limit suspended for the remainder of the fishing year.
2004
January 19-March 12: Northern Shrimp season (40 days with days off)
<p>May 1: Implementation of Amendment 13. Measures based on emergency rule and measures in effect prior to interim rule.</p> <p><u>DAS</u>: DAS for each permit re-categorized. Category 1: 60% of maximum DAS used FY 1996-2001 in years that permit landed 5,000 pounds regulated groundfish (est. 43,000 allocated). Category B: 40% of maximum DAS used FY 1996-2001 in years that permit landed 5,000 pounds regulated groundfish; can only be used in specific programs. DAS leasing and transfer programs allow DAS exchanges between vessels under limited conditions. (200 lbs. of winter flounder can be retained by vessels fishing for fluke west of 72-30 W without using a DAS).</p> <p><u>Minimum Size</u>: No change from emergency rule (commercial); 22 inch cod, 19 inch haddock (rec)</p> <p><u>Gear</u>: <i>Trawl</i>: No change from emergency rule. <i>Gillnet</i>: GOM/GB: Day-6.5 in./50 standup nets, no seasonal restriction on tie-down nets; Trip: 6.5 in. mesh/150 nets. SNE/MA: 6.5 in. in. mesh/75 nets. <i>Hook</i>: GOM: 2,000 hooks. GB: 3,600 hooks</p> <p><u>Closures</u>: Same as emergency rule, with addition of habitat closed areas; all except Jeffrey Bank and NLCA habitat closed area are within existing year-round closed areas.</p> <p><u>Possession limits</u>: <i>GOM cod</i>: 800 lbs-DAS/4,000 lbs.-trip. GB cod: 1,000 lbs.-DAS/10,000 lbs.-trip. <i>CC/GOM yellowtail flounder</i>: April, May, October, November - 250 lbs. trip, other months 750 lbs.-DAS/3,000 lbs.-trip. <i>SNE/MA yellowtail flounder</i>: March – June, 250 lbs. trip, other months 750 lbs.-DAS/3,000 lbs.-trip. <i>Haddock</i>: 3,000 lbs.-DAS/30,000 lbs.-trip.</p> <p><u>Special Management Programs</u>: <i>US/Canada Area</i>: hard TAC on cod, haddock (SAs 561, 562), yellowtail flounder (SAs 522, 525, 561, 562). Cod possession limit: 500 lbs-DAS/5,000 lbs-trip, not more than 5 percent of catch. No DAS charged to/from SAs 561, 562.</p> <p><u>Exempted Fisheries</u>: Northern Shrimp fishery area restriction removed; General Category scallop fishery exemption in SAs 537, 538, 539, and 613.</p>
May 14: Haddock possession limit suspended for remainder of the fishing year.
<p>June 1: CAII Yellowtail Flounder Special Access Program</p> <p>Access to CAII south of 41-30N by trawl vessels targeting yellowtail flounder. Limited to 320 trips (total), two trips per vessel per month, yellowtail flounder limited to 30,000 lbs./trip. Authorized use of Category B DAS.</p>

June 23: Amendment 10 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP. 10-in. square mesh twine top required for all scallop dredge vessels in all areas.
September 3: CAII Yellowtail Flounder SAP ends (no trips can begin after this date)
November 2: Framework Adjustment 39 (Scallop Framework Adjustment 16) Scallop dredge vessel access to portions of groundfish mortality CAII and NLCA in 2004, CAI and CAII in 2005, and CAI and NLCA in 2006. Season: June 15 through January 31. Possession limits: 1,000 lbs. regulated groundfish, no more than 100 lbs. cod. In NLCA, limited to 250 lbs.-trip yellowtail flounder in June. (Outside of access program, scallop vessels continue to be limited to 300 lbs. regulated groundfish per trip). Yellowtail flounder catch capped at 10 percent of target TAC for the stock.
October 1: Closure of SAs 561 and 562 to all fishing on a multispecies DAS. Prohibition on the possession of yellowtail flounder from SAs 522, 525, 561, 562.
November 19: Framework Adjustment 40A <i>Closed Area I Haddock SAP</i> Access to small area of CAI to target haddock using longlines. Limited to 1,000 mt haddock TAC. Season ends December 31. <i>Eastern US/CA Area Haddock SAP Pilot Program</i> Access to northern corner of CAII and adjacent area to target haddock using separator trawl. Season: May 1 through December 31. Authorized use of Category B DAS. <i>Category B (regular) DAS Pilot Program</i> Vessels can use Category B (regular) DAS to target healthy stocks. Catch (kept and discarded) limited to 100 lbs. of cod, American plaice, white hake, witch flounder, ocean pout, SNE/MA winter flounder and windowpane flounder, 25 lbs.-DAS/250 lbs.-trip of yellowtail flounder. Maximum of 1,000 DAS can be used in each of four quarters from November 1, 2004 through October 31, 2005.
2005
January 14: Eastern US/CA reopened, yellowtail flounder daily poundage limit lifter (maximum remains 15,000 lbs./trip). Cod trip limit of 5,000 lbs./trip in Eastern US/CA area. Vessels fishing in Eastern US/CA area must use haddock separator trawl.
February 9: GB yellowtail flounder trip limit reduced to 5,000 lbs./trip in (entire) US/CA Management Area.
April 1: Eastern US/CA area closed until April 30, 2005, possession of GB yellowtail flounder prohibited in entire US/CA Management Area.
May 1: Eastern US/CA Area reopens at beginning of fishing year. Measures revert to those implemented May 1, 2004.
May 3: Haddock trip limit removed for remainder of the fishing year.
May 26: FW 40B implemented. Changes DAS leasing and transfer program, modifies GB Hook Sector provisions, adopts reporting requirements for herring vessels, modifies trip gillnet provisions. <i>CAII Yellowtail Flounder SAP</i> Changes starting date to July 1, reduces trip limit to 10,000 lbs, number of trips per vessel per month is one, process established for adjusting the total number of trips.
June 8: Emergency action to control bycatch of haddock in the herring fishery establishes trip limit and overall TAC.
June 15: Implementation of FW 16 to the Sea Scallop FMP authorizes General Category Scallop vessel participation in scallop access areas. Scallop access areas in CAI and CAII open for all vessels on this date.
June 27: Announcement that no trips will be allowed in the CAII Yellowtail Flounder SAP in FY 2005.
July 12: NE multispecies DAS vessels are limited to one trip per month in the Eastern US/CA area.
July 18: Multispecies DAS vessels are prohibited from fishing in the Category B (regular) DAS program in the GB cod stock area through July 31.
July 27: NE multispecies trawl vessels are required to use a haddock separator trawl when fishing in the Eastern US/CA area.
August 26: Eastern US/CA area is closed to all limited access multispecies DAS vessels because 90

percent of the GB cod TAC for the area is projected to be harvested.
September 6: CAI scallop access area is closed to General Category scallop vessels.
September 13: <i>CAI Hook Gear Haddock SAP</i> FW 41 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP implemented. This action allows non-sector longline vessels to participate in the CAI Hook Gear Haddock SAP. The October 1 – December 31 season is divided in half, with sector vessels fishing in the first half and non-sector vessels in the second.
October 6: Participation in the Category B (regular) DAS Pilot Program is prohibited because the quarterly allocation of 1,000 DAS is used. The program ends for FY 2005.
October 31: Boundaries of the sea scallop access areas within CAI and the NLCA access areas are adjusted.
December 12: Northern shrimp fishery opens and will remain open through April 30, 2006.
December 21: The trip limit for NE multispecies vessels fishing for GB yellowtail flounder is changed from unlimited to 15,000 lbs per trip. The quota for the second period of the CAI Hook Gear Haddock SAP is increased to 536.6 mt.
2006
January 12: The emergency rule allowing Atlantic herring vessels to possess haddock is extended for an additional 180 days.
January 31: Areas within groundfish closed areas that are open to scallop fishing through the scallop access area program close at midnight.
February 7: The trip limit for NE multispecies vessels fishing for GB yellowtail flounder is reduced to 1,500 lbs. per DAS up to a maximum of 15,000 lbs.
February 22: The trip limit for NE multispecies vessels fishing for GB yellowtail flounder is changed to 15,000 lbs. per trip regardless of trip length.
March 24: The trip limit for NE multispecies vessels fishing for GB yellowtail flounder is increased to an unlimited amount regardless of trip length.
April 30: Northern shrimp fishery season closes at midnight.
May 1: Implementation of an emergency rule to reduce fishing mortality on groundfish stocks while FW 42 is reviewed. Revised regulations are: <u>DAS</u> : DAS charged at the differential rate of 1.4:1 for all areas outside the US/CA area. <u>Minimum Size</u> : No changes for commercial vessels. <u>Gear</u> : No changes. <u>Closures</u> : No changes <u>Possession limits</u> : <i>GOM cod</i> : 600 lbs.-DAS/4,000 lbs.-trip. <i>GB cod</i> : 1,000 lbs.-DAS/10,000 lbs.-trip outside of eastern US/CA area. <i>CC/GOM yellowtail flounder</i> : May, June October, November - 250 lbs. trip, other months 500 lbs.-DAS/2,000 lbs-trip. <i>GB yellowtail flounder</i> : 10,000 lbs. per trip; <i>GB winter flounder</i> : 5,000 lbs. per trip; <i>SNE/MA yellowtail flounder</i> : March –June, 250 lbs. trip, other months 750 lbs.-DAS/3,000 lbs-trip. White hake: 1,000 lbs.-DAS/10,000 lbs.-trip. <i>Haddock</i> : Trip limit removed for duration of emergency action. <u>Special Management Programs</u> : <i>Eastern US/Canada haddock SAP</i> : Opening delayed until August 1. <u>Category B (regular) DAS Program</u> : Renewed, with vessels restricted to the US/CA Area, required to use a haddock separator trawl, limited to 500 days May-June, 1,000 days in other quarters, low trip limits on stocks of concern. <u>Recreational measures</u> : Possession of GOM cod prohibited from November 1 – March 31. <u>Minimum size for GOM cod increased to 24 in.</u> <u>Other</u> : Vessels allowed to fish inside and outside the eastern US/CA area on the same trip.
May 19: Announcement that CAII Yellowtail SAP will not open due to low TAC.
June 19: All trawl vessels fishing in the eastern US/CA area required to use a haddock separator trawl.
July 12: General category scallop vessel access to Nantucket Lightship Close area closed due to catching yellowtail flounder incidental catch TAC.
July 20: Limited access scallop vessel access to Nantucket Lightship Close area closed due to catching yellowtail flounder incidental catch TAC.
August 11: FW 43 implemented; addresses incidental catch of regulated multispecies by herring

vessels. Haddock possession by midwater trawl vessels is allowed subject to a TAC.
September 6: Scallop vessel access to CAII closed due to yellowtail flounder bycatch.
October 1: CAI Hook Gear Haddock SAP opens.
November 22: Implementation of FW 42. Major regulatory changes: <u>DAS</u> : DAS charged at the differential rate of 2:1 for an area in the inshore GOM (for an entire trip if any part of the trip fished in the area) and an area in SNE (only time fishing in the area). <u>Minimum Size</u> : No changes for commercial vessels. <u>Gear</u> : No changes. <u>Closures</u> : No changes <u>Possession limits</u> : <i>GOM cod</i> : 800 lbs-DAS/4,000 lbs.-trip. <i>CC/GOM yellowtail flounder</i> : 250 lbs-DAS/1000 lbs. per trip. <i>SNE/MA yellowtail flounder</i> : 250 lbs-DAS/1000 lbs. per trip. Haddock trip limit unlimited. <i>GB Yellowtail flounder: 10,000 lbs/trip. White Hake: 500 lbs-DAS/5,000 lbs-trip (this was an error – FW 42 says 1,000/10,000 per trip).</i> <u>Special Management Programs</u> : <i>US/Canada Area</i> : Opening delayed until August 1. Prohibition on discarding legal sized fish. <u>Category B (regular) DAS Program</u> : Renewed for all areas. Trawl vessels required to use a haddock separator trawl, limited to 500 days May-June, 1,000 days in other quarters, low trip limits on stocks of concern. Prohibition on discarding legal sized fish. <u>Recreational measures</u> : (same as emergency rule) Possession of GOM cod prohibited from November 1 – March 31. Minimum size for GOM cod increased to 24 in. <u>Other</u> : (same as emergency rule) Vessels allowed to fish inside and outside the eastern US/CA area on the same trip.
December 1: Northern shrimp fishery opens: 151 days, seven days per week.
2007
March 5: Trawl vessels fishing in the eastern US/CA area allowed to use either a haddock separator trawl or a flounder net. GB yellowtail flounder trip limit reduced to 5,000 lbs.-trip for all vessels declaring into the eastern US/CA area.
April 5: Trip limit for GB yellowtail flounder increased to 25,000 lbs.-trip for the entire US/CA area for the remainder of the fishing year (through April 30).
April 25: Eastern U.S./Canada area closed to limited access multispecies vessels (through April 30, 2007).
April 30: Northern shrimp fishery closed at midnight.
May 1: Enforcement protocol for measuring nets changes. For mesh over 4.72 inches (120 mm), weight used with net spade increased to 8 kg (from 5 kg). Eastern U.S./Canada area reopens. No trips are authorized in the CAII yellowtail flounder SAP in 2007. Trip limit for GB yellowtail flounder reduced to 3,000 pounds per trip in the U.S./Canada area. Interim measures adopted for monkfish FMP restrict monkfish trip limits, reduce DAS that can be used in the SFMA, and does not allow carryover of monkfish DAS.
June 15: NLCA and CAI scallop access areas open.
June 20: Eastern US/CA area is closed to limited access multispecies DAS vessels due to cod catch.
July 8: The NLCA scallop access area is closed to General Category Scallop vessels.
July 15: The CAI scallop access area is closed to General Category Scallop vessels.
August 3: NMFS modifies permit renewal requirements for limited access multispecies vessels. Changes limit ability of vessels to fish in state waters outside of the FMP and retain eligibility for a federal limited access permit.
August 9: Minimum size for GB and GOM haddock caught by commercial vessels is reduced to 18 inches. Minimum size for all recreational vessels remains at 19 inches.
October 1: CAI Hook Gear Haddock SAP opens for GB Cod Hook Sector vessels.
October 20: The Eastern US/CA area is opened to limited access multispecies DAS vessels. The GB cod possession limit is 1,000 lb/trip for all vessels declared into the Eastern US/CA Area or the Eastern US/CA Area SAP.
November 15: CAI Hook Gear Haddock SAP opens for non-sector vessels.

November 27: GB yellowtail flounder trip limit for vessels fishing in the US/CA management area increased to 7,500 lb/trip.
November 30: Eastern US/CA area closes
December 1: Northern Shrimp fishery opens. Season scheduled for 152 days, seven days per week.
December 11: CAI Hook Gear haddock SAP second period haddock quota increased to 4,789 mt.
2008
January 10: GB yellowtail flounder trip limit in the U.S./Canada management area set at 1,500 lbs./trip
January 24: Harvesting, possessing, and landing GB yellowtail flounder from the entire U.S./Canada management area is prohibited through April 30, 2008 (applies to trips that have not begun prior to announcement).
February 6: Minimum size for both GB and GOM haddock remains at 18 inches total length; extended through August 10, 2008.
March 12: Scallop elephant trunk access area closed to General Category scallop vessels.
April 30: Northern shrimp fishery closes.
May 1: GB yellowtail flounder trip limit set at 5,000 lbs./trip Eastern U.S./Canada area opening delayed until August 1, 2008 for vessels fishing with trawl gear. Eastern U.S./Canada area opened to longline gear but with a cod cap of 33.4 mt.
May 30: CAI yellowtail SAP remains closed (no trips authorized for FY 2008).
August 1: GOM and GB haddock minimum size reverts to 19 inches. Eastern U.S./Canada management area opens to all vessels. U.S./Canada Haddock SAP opens.
August 4: Happy Birthday, U.S. Coast Guard. The Nantucket Lightship Closed Area closed to scallop vessels to prevent exceeding the yellowtail flounder incidental catch cap.
August 13: Haddock rope trawl (later called the Ruhle trawl, previously called the eliminator trawl) approved for use in the Category B (regular) DAS program and the U.S./Canada Haddock SAP.
September 15: Ruhle trawl authorized for use in the Eastern U.S./Canada management area.
October 1: CAI Hook Gear Haddock SAP opens for non-sector vessels.
October 23: GB yellowtail flounder trip limit reduced from 5,000 lbs./trip to 2,500 lbs./trip for vessels fishing in the U.S./Canada management area.
November 15: CAI Hook Gear Haddock SAP opens for GB cod hook sector vessels.
December 1: Northern shrimp fishery opens for 180 days, seven days per week. Closure scheduled for May 29, 2009.
December 23: Landing limit for Eastern GB cod increased to 1,000 lbs./DAS up to a maximum of 10,000 lbs./trip (applies to cod caught in the Eastern U.S./Canada management area).
December 30: Limited access General Category scallop fishery closed.
2009
January 26: NE Multispecies regulations adopted by FW 42 suspended as a result of a court order. No clear explanation of what measures are affected.
February 13: NMFS identifies following measures as NOT impacted by the court order to suspend measures adopted by FW 42: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recordkeeping and reporting requirements • Gear restrictions • DAS allocations • Time and area closures • Minimum fish sizes • SAPs • Recreational measures • Cape Cod Hook Sector • Some possession limits (GOM cod 800 lbs DAS-4,000 lbs/trip, GB cod 1,000 lbs./DAS – 10,000 lbs./trip, US/CA area trip limits) Confusion continues on what regulations are not in effect.
February 17: Federal court rescinds decision to suspend FW 42 measures and limits suspension to differential DAS counting areas in the GOM and SNE/MA areas, and authorizes submission of DAS

leasing requests through March 31, 2009 (vice normal March 1 deadline for such requests).
March 9: Eastern GB cod landing limit reduced to 500 lbs./DAS – 5,000 lbs./trip. GB yellowtail flounder trip limit increased to 5,000 lbs./trip.
April 1: DELMARVA scallop access area closed to General Category scallop vessels.
April 16: Eastern US/CA area closed until May 1.
May 1: Interim rules in effect to reduce overfishing on multispecies stocks until Amendment 16 implemented. Major changes: <u>DAS</u> : DAS allocations reduced according to Amendment 13 schedule. Category A DAS are reduced to 45 percent of the permit's DAS baseline, an 18 percent reduction from the previous year's allocations. Differential DAS area increased in SNE/MA. <u>Minimum Size</u> : Haddock 18 inch minimum size. <u>Gear</u> : No changes. <u>Closures</u> : No changes <u>Possession limits</u> : <i>GOM cod</i> : 800 lbs-DAS/4,000 lbs.-trip. <i>GB cod</i> : 1,000 lbs./DAS-10,000 lbs./trip (eastern US/CA area 500 lbs./DAS-5,000 lbs./trip). <i>CC/GOM yellowtail flounder</i> : 250 lbs-DAS/1000 lbs. per trip. <i>SNE/MA yellowtail flounder</i> : 250 lbs-DAS/1000 lbs. per trip. Haddock trip limit unlimited. <i>GB Yellowtail flounder</i> : 5,000 lbs/trip. <i>White Hake</i> : 1000 lbs-DAS/10,000 per trip). <i>GB winter flounder</i> : 5,000 lbs./trip. <i>Witch flounder</i> : 1,000 lbs./DAS-5,000 lbs./trip. Possession of <i>ocean pout</i> , <i>northern windowpane flounder</i> , and <i>SNE/MA winter flounder</i> prohibited. <u>Special Management Programs</u> : <i>US/Canada Area</i> : Opening delayed until August 1 for trawl vessels. <i>SNE/MA winter flounder SAP</i> suspended. State waters winter flounder exemption eliminated. <i>CAI Hook Gear Haddock SAP</i> expanded to May 1 to January 31, area increased, no separation between common pool and sector participants. <u>Recreational Measures</u> : GB cod bag limit of n10 cod per person per day for party/charter vessels; retention of GOM cod prohibited from November through April 15; retention of SNE/MA winter flounder prohibited; haddock minimum size reduced to 18 inches. <u>Other</u> : Conservation tax removed from DAS transfers.
May 6: Limited access general category scallop fishery closed to IFQ vessels until June 1.
May 29: Northern shrimp fishery closes.
June 5: GB yellowtail flounder trip limit reduced to 2,500 lbs./trip
June 26: eastern US/CA Area closed to all vessels until August 1 (including fixed gear vessels) to prevent exceeding first quarter GB cod TAC.
June 29: CAII Scallop Access Area closed to prevent exceeding GB yellowtail flounder cap.
July 6: <i>GB winter flounder</i> trip limit removed. <i>White hake</i> trip limit increased to 2,000 lbs./DAS-10,000 lbs./trip.
July 19: Limited access general category scallop fishery closed to IFQ vessels until September 1.
September 15: Limited access general category scallop fishery closed to IFQ vessels until December 1.
September 17: Use of flounder trawl net prohibited when fishing in the Eastern US/CA area.
November 2: Mid-water trawl vessels fishing in CAI subject to 100 percent observer coverage, prohibition on releasing catch before sampling by observer.
November 20: In the US/CA management area, trawl vessels required to use a haddock separator trawl or Ruhle trawl south of 41-40N latitude. Any vessel fishing in this area and other areas cannot use any other gear on the same trip. Vessels fishing north of 41-40N for the entire trip can use any legal gear.
December 1: Northern shrimp fishery opens for 180 days; scheduled to close May 29, 2010.
2010
January 12: Limited access general category scallop fishery closed to IFQ scallop vessels
March 1: Limited access general category scallop IFQ program opens. Scallop fishery Elephant Trunk and DELMARVA Access Areas open.
March 11: All multispecies vessels fishing on a Category A DAS allowed to use any legal trawl gear in the Western US/CA Area (statistical areas 522, 525) (lifts restrictions adopted November 20, 2009).
April 13: All multispecies vessels fishing on a Category A DAS allowed to use a flounder trawl net in the Eastern US/CA area.

April 20: Eastern US/CA area (statistical areas 561, 562) closed to multispecies vessels and harvest, possession, and landing of GB yellowtail flounder from entire US/CA area (statistical areas 522, 525, 561, 562) prohibited.
<p>May 1: Implementation of Amendment 16 and Framework 44. Expansion of sector management program to majority of the fishery. Major revisions to common pool measures for permitted vessels not in sectors. Adoption of additional at-sea and dockside monitoring requirements for sector vessels, and new reporting requirements for other vessels. Adoption of new US/CA area TACs. Adoption of annual catch limit (ACL) and accountability measures (AM) for most stocks. No retention of SNE/MA winter flounder, ocean pout, windowpane flounder, Atlantic wolffish. Specific allocations of GOM cod and GOM haddock made to the recreational and commercial groundfish fisheries. Key elements:</p> <p><i>Sector Management:</i> Vessels in sectors subject to hard TACs for most stocks, increased at-sea monitoring (targeting 38 percent of trips), dockside monitoring; not subject to trip limits, some GOM rolling closures, groundfish DAS limits. Permits committed to sectors account for 94 percent or more of available catch except for GOM WFL (84 pct) and SNE/MA YTF (76 pct), and SNE/MA WFL (0%). Total permits committed to sectors: 762. Sector vessels required to retain all legal-sized fish (except limited to one Atlantic halibut, and the five species prohibited). Sectors required to stop fishing in a stock area when a quota (Annual Catch Entitlement, or ACE) for a stock in the area is caught.</p> <p><i>Common pool:</i> Only a small portion of the ACL available to common pool vessels. Major elements of common pool regulations:</p> <p><u>DAS:</u> Category A DAS allocations reduced to 27.5 percent of the Amendment 13 baseline allocation. All DAS charged in 24 hour increments.</p> <p><u>Minimum Size:</u> Haddock 18 inch minimum size. Halibut size increased to 41 inches.</p> <p><u>Gear:</u> No changes.</p> <p><u>Closures:</u> No changes</p> <p><u>Possession limits:</u> <i>GOM cod:</i> 800 lbs-DAS/4,000 lbs.-trip. <i>GB cod:</i> 2,000 lbs./DAS-20,000 lbs./trip (eastern US/CA area 500 lbs./DAS-5,000 lbs./trip). <i>Pollock:</i> 1,000 lbs./DAS – 10,000 lbs/trip; <i>CC/GOM yellowtail flounder:</i> 250 lbs-DAS/1500 lbs. per trip. <i>SNE/MA yellowtail flounder:</i> 250 lbs-DAS/1500 lbs. per trip. Haddock trip limit unlimited. <i>GB Yellowtail flounder:</i> 2,5000 lbs/trip offshore; 250 lbs./DAS-1,500 lbs./trip inshore. <i>White Hake:</i> 2,000 lbs-DAS/10,000 per trip). <i>GB winter flounder:</i> 5,000 lbs./trip. <i>Witch flounder:</i> 1,000 lbs./DAS-10,000 lbs./trip. <i>GB winter flounder:</i> Offshore 5,000 lb./trip. Possession of <i>ocean pout, windowpane flounder, Atlantic wolffish, and SNE/MA winter flounder</i> prohibited.</p> <p><u>Restricted Gear Areas:</u> Areas near CAI and off SNE created to reduce flatfish catches; limited to separator/Ruhle trawls, rope trawl, certain gillnets in these areas. Limited to 500 lbs. of flatfish combined in these areas.</p> <p><u>Special Management Programs:</u> <i>US/Canada Area:</i> Opening delayed until August 1 for trawl vessels. Prohibition on discarding legal sized fish. <i>SNE/MA winter flounder SAP</i> suspended. State waters winter flounder exemption eliminated. <i>CAI Hook Gear Haddock SAP</i> expanded to January 31, area increased, no separation between common pool and sector participants. <i>CAI yellowtail flounder –haddock SAP:</i> SAP opening authorized to target haddock (not GB yellowtail flounder_ subject to specific gear requirements. Opening date August 1.</p> <p><u>Adjustments:</u> RA authorized to make in-season adjustments to trip limits and DAS counting rates.</p> <p><u>DAS Leasing and Transfers:</u> Permits in CPH category allowed to participate in these programs. No conservation tax on transfers.</p> <p><u>Recreational Measures:</u> GOM cod bag limit of 10 cod per person per day for party/charter vessels; 10 fish bag limit on all cod for private vessels; retention of GOM cod prohibited from November through April 15; retention of SNE/MA winter flounder prohibited; Atlantic wolffish retention prohibited; haddock minimum size reduced to 18 inches. Halibut size increased to 41 inches. No limit on hooks (two hook limit removed).</p>
May 5: Northern shrimp fishery season closes
<p>May 27: Changes to common pool trip limits:</p> <p>GOM haddock: 1,000 lbs./trip</p>

<p>GB haddock: 10,000 lbs./trip GOM winter flounder: 250 lbs./trip GB winter flounder: 1,000 lbs./trip (offshore) GB yellowtail flounder: 1,000 lbs./trip (offshore)</p>
June 28: NLCA scallop access area opens
July 15: Pollock ACL revised; increased to 16,553 mt.
<p>July 30: Changes to common pool measures: GB yellowtail flounder: Selective trawl gear required in Eastern US/CA area and Western US/CA area south of 41-40N. GOM cod: 200 lbs./DAS-1,000 lbs./trip</p>
<p>August 6: Changes to common pool measures: Pollock trip limit removed Witch flounder: 130 lbs./trip</p>
August 31: Common pool DAS counting rate set to 2:1 for GOM and GB differential DAS areas.
<p>September 22: Changes to common pool measures: GOM cod: 100 lbs./DAS-1,000 lbs./trip GB yellowtail flounder: 100 lbs./trip White hake: 100 lbs./DAS – 500 lbs./trip US/CA area: Selective trawl gear required to entire US/CA management area</p>
October 18: Handgear A cod trip limit reduced to 50 lbs/trip.
December 1: Northern shrimp season opens