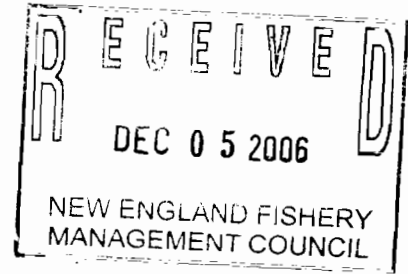


Amendment 16 to the Northeast
Multispecies FMP
Scoping Comments Received
(Recreational)



December 5, 2006

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Mr. John Papallardo, Chairman
New England Fishery Management Council
50 Water St. Mill 2
Newburyport, MA 01950

Re: Scoping Comments for Groundfish Amendment 16

Dear Mr. Papallardo:

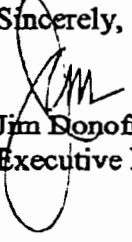
On behalf of RFA's entire New England membership, I ask that the New England Fishery Management Council consider developing a management plan for private recreational fishermen (i.e. the general fishing public) within Groundfish Amendment 16.

As you know, management measures for the recreational sector in New England have historically been linked to commercial catches and the resulting measures placed upon that sector. The RFA feels it is time that the recreational sector receive its own allocation of cod, haddock and other groundfish species, perhaps a percentage based on catches made during the past three to five years. The recreational sector is no longer willing to "share the pain" when other sectors compromise stock rebuilding by exceeding TACs and through bycatch, etc., which invariably triggers more stringent rebuilding measures.

The RFA is confident that the private-boat recreational sector can manage itself appropriately within the confines of its allocations. Your Recreational Advisory Panel, which represents a wide range of recreational fishermen, would undoubtedly be the best group to develop a plan for Council review.

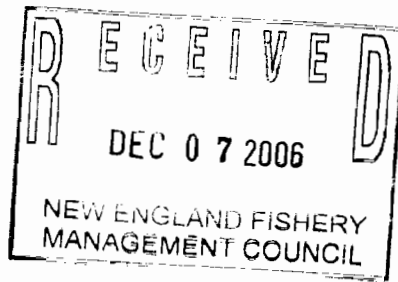
Many thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jim Donofrio
Executive Director

cc: CIBK, TN (1216)

176-B South New York Road, Galloway, NJ 08205
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November 30, 2006

Dear Paul Howard,

My name is Eric Zodi. I am a recreational fisherman that likes to fish for Cod fish in the cold weather months. I was appalled to hear that the Cod fishery has gone to zero possession for five months of the year. I also understand commercial fishing for Cod is still allowed in that five month period. I can assure you my two trips a year with a rod and reel did not wipe out the Cod Stocks.

I understand the recreational sector was to take a 30% cut in landings. I can only fish in the winter due to my job. This is a 100% cut for myself and my family. The ocean is supposed to be for public access to all.

Please consider easing the zero possession of Cod fish for the five month period.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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33 Jenny Lane Two
Oxford, CT 06478-1438

cc - TN (12/11)

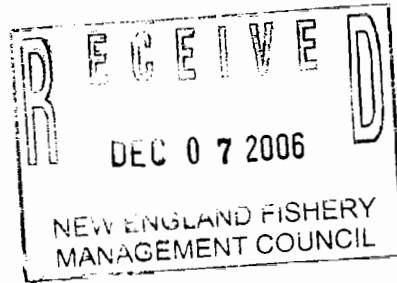


Northeast Charterboat Captains Association

P.O. Box 7 ⚓ Sturbridge, MA 01566 (800) 526-8152
66 High Road ⚓ Newbury, MA 01951 (978) 465-2307

December 5, 2006

Mr. John Pappalardo, Chairman
Mr. Paul Howard, Executive Director
New England Fishery Management Council
50 Water St. Mill #2
Newburyport, MA 01950



Re: Scoping Comments for Groundfish Amendment 16

Dear John and Paul:

On behalf of the Northeast Charterboat Captains Association and the Gulf of Maine party and charter boat industry, I would like to request that a management program for this sector be incorporated into Groundfish Amendment 16.

As you recall, the Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP) earlier this year asked the Council to establish a control date, develop a limited entry program, and allocate a share of the available GOM cod TAC for the P/C sector. The control date (March 30, 2006) was established, but the limited entry program and allocation has not yet been undertaken by the Council. I would reiterate this request for Amendment 16, and further suggest that the cod allocation be based on the last three to five years of catch history by the P/C sector. In addition, the P/C sector requests an allocation of GOM haddock as well.

In the interest of timeliness, it might be useful to convene a meeting of the RAP as soon as reasonably possible and ask it to further explore this management scenario, work out some of the details, and present alternatives to the Council.

Many thanks for your consideration.

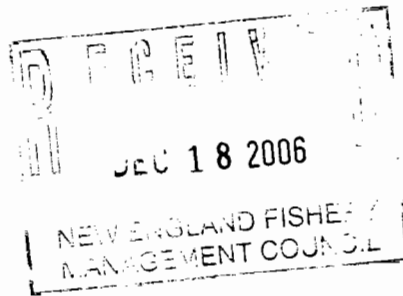
Sincerely,

Capt. Barry Gibson, Vice-President
Northeast Charterboat Captains Association

cc: TN (12/11)

December 13, 2006

Joseph Mennillo
50 Christian St
Oxford, CT 06478



Dear Paul Howard,

My name is Joseph Mennillo and I am a recreational fisherman that looks forward to fishing for Cod in the cold weather months out of Gloucester, MA. I was appalled to hear that the Cod fish limit was reduced to zero possession for five months out of the year for recreational fisherman. I also understand commercial fishing for Cod is still allowed in that five month period! What I can't understand is the fact that every time I've been out on the water for cod in the winter, at most I saw one other recreational boat fishing. If recreational fishing has that much of an impact on the number of cod being taken then I can't believe that commercial fisherman should still be allowed to possess cod either! I can assure you my two trips a year with a rod and reel does not wipe out the Cod Stocks but commercial fisherman using non-manual means will/could.

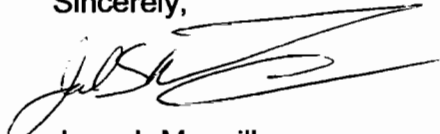
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I am in favor of giving the recreational fisherman their own quota not connected to the commercial sector. It is line and hook manual fishing compared to nets / non-manual means and our catch percentage is near zero compared to the commercial fisherman's catch.

Please reconsider the zero limit restriction of Cod fish for the five month period on recreational fisherman. I can tell you this much, until it changes I will not go into a store and buy Cod fish for my family!

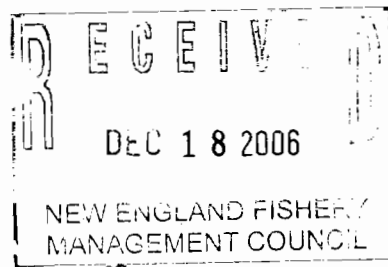
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Sincerely,



Joseph Mennillo

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December 5, 2006

Dear Paul Howard,

My name is Trish Zilliox. I am a recreational fisherman that likes to fish for Cod fish in the cold weather months. I was very disappointed to hear that the Cod fishery has gone to zero limit for five month of the year. I also understand commercial fishing for Cod is still allowed in that five month period. I can assure you my trip or two a year with a rod and reel did not wipe out the Cod Stocks.

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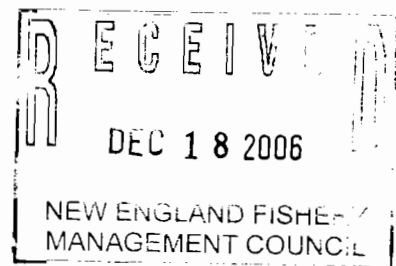
Sincerely,

Trish Zilliox

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Dear Paul Howard,

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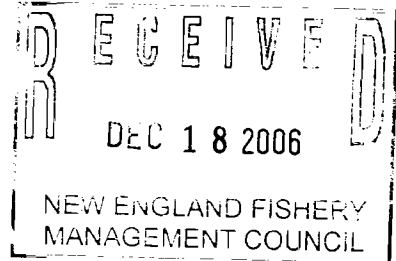
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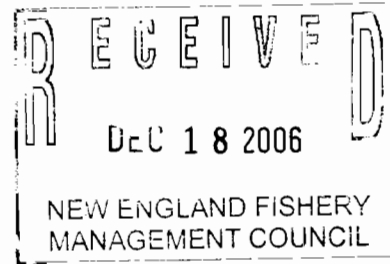
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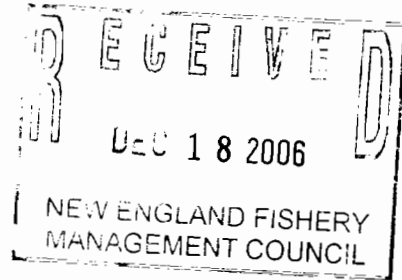
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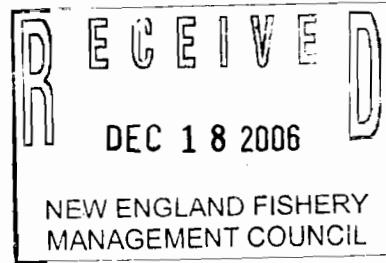
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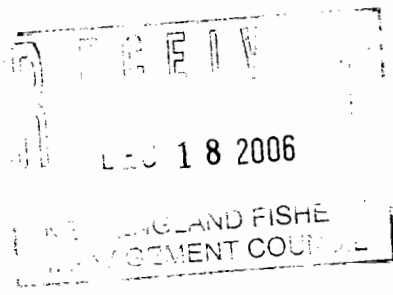
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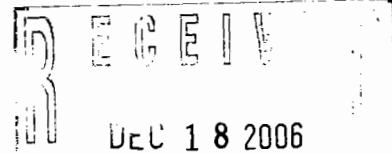
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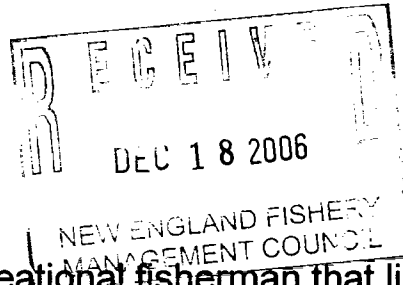
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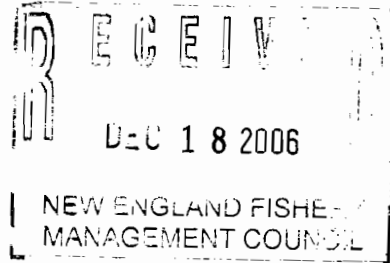
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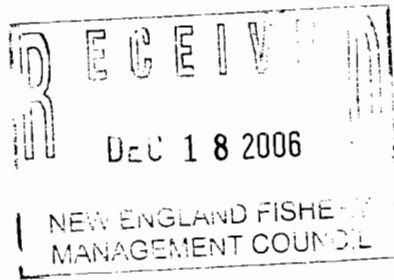
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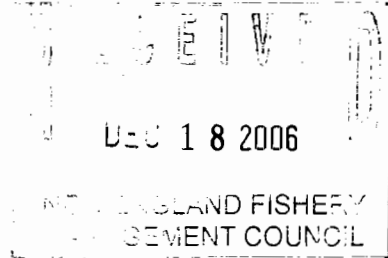
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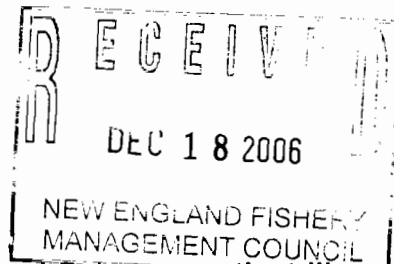
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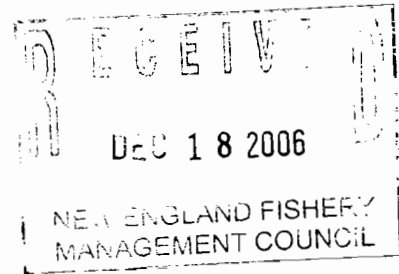
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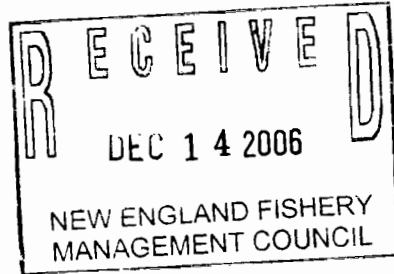
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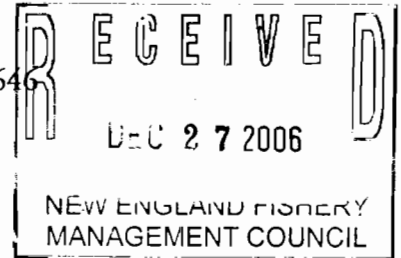
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Fred Fockman
28 West Ave
Milford CT, 06461

cc: TN (12/18)



One Schoolhouse Road, Harwich Port, MA 02646



December 14, 2006

The Honorable William Delahunt
146 Main Street
Hyannis, MA 02601

Dear Congressman Delahunt,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Harwich Chamber of Commerce, I am writing regarding the importance of the charter fishing industry and recreational fishing to the Harwich economy.

There are seventeen boats that are thirty-one feet or larger that take charters from the Harwich harbors alone. Using a conservative estimate, this segment of the charter fishing industry in Harwich earns approximately eight hundred thousand dollars during the June to mid-October season. In addition, each year hundreds of tourists and second home owners bring their own boats to the Harwiches for a chance to sport fish. The thousands of boat launchings from Harwich harbors during the tourist season attest to the popularity of our community as a boating and fishing mecca.

Currently, geographic limits to striped bass fishing have charter, recreational and commercial fishermen concentrated in a small region. One of these areas is the fog shrouded vicinity off Monomoy Island – where it is necessary for all of the boats in Nantucket Sound to transit – making for a very dangerous situation.

The fishing territory was restricted in response to the depletion of striped bass. However, in 1995, regulatory agencies deemed the striped bass population recovered. Returning the fishing area to their historical grounds will ensure that the quotas will be made from a larger area, thereby not over-stressing the fish population in the current region. Also it would be safer and will help ensure the viability of the charter fishing industry.

As with most communities on Cape Cod, Harwich is highly dependent on the thousands of people who visit here, buy second homes here, retire here, and work and live here. Harwich's location on and access to Nantucket Sound makes it a boaters and fishing paradise and draws people from across the country. Charter and recreational fishing is an important part of our local economy, and its secondary economic impact on our accommodations, restaurants, outfitters, and shops is significant.

Your support in ensuring charter and recreational fishing on Nantucket Sound is much appreciated. If you need additional information and data, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peter Baker at Cape Cod Hook Fishermen's Association 508-945-2432.

Sincerely,

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