

as the small entity compliance guide. Small entities are not required to take any additional actions to comply with this action. NMFS will publish the GHL on an annual basis and notify the Council if the GHL is exceeded. These actions do not require any additional compliance from small entities. Copies of this final rule are available from NMFS (*see ADDRESSES*) and at the following web site: *http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/*

Need for and Objectives of the Final Rule

This final rule is necessary to implement a GHL policy. The intent of this final rule is to notify the Council that a specific level of harvest has been achieved by the guided recreational fishery. This action is consistent with the provisions of the Halibut Act. This final rule has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866.

This final rule complies with the Halibut Act and the Council's authority to implement allocation measures for the management of the halibut fishery.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 300

Fisheries, Fishing, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Treaties.

Dated: August 4, 2003.

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■ For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 300 is amended as follows:

PART 300—INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES REGULATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for 50 CFR part 300 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 773 *et seq.*

■ 2. Section 300.61 is amended by adding, in alphabetical order, the

following definitions for “guideline harvest level” and “halibut harvest” to read as follows:

§ 300.61 Definitions.

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Guideline harvest level (GHL) means a level of allowable halibut harvest by the charter vessel fishery.

Halibut harvest means the catching and retaining of any halibut.

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■ 3. In § 300.65, paragraph (i) is added to read as follows:

§ 300.65 Catch sharing plan and domestic management measures in waters in and off Alaska.

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(i) *Guideline harvest level.* (1) The annual GHLs for regulatory areas 2C and 3A are determined as follows:

If the Annual Total Constant Exploitation Yield for Halibut in Area 2C is More Than:	Than the GHL for Area 2C will be:	If the Annual Total Constant Exploitation Yield for Halibut in Area 3A is More Than:	Than the GHL for Area 3A will be:
(i) 9,027,000 lbs. (4094.5 mt)	1,432,000 lbs. (649.5 mt)	21,581,000 lbs. (9,788.9 mt)	3,650,000 lbs. (1655.6 mt)
(ii) 7,965,000 lbs. (3612.9 mt)	1,217,000 lbs. (552.0 mt)	19,042,000 lbs. (8637.3 mt)	3,103,000 lbs. (1407.0 mt)
(iii) 6,903,000 lbs. (3,131.2 mt)	1,074,000 lbs. (496.7 mt)	16,504,000 lbs. (7,485.9 mt)	2,734,000 lbs. (1266.4 mt)
(iv) 5,841,000 lbs. (2,649.4 mt)	931,000 lbs. (447.2 mt)	13,964,000 lbs. (6334.0 mt)	2,373,000 lbs. (1,139.9 mt)
(v) 4,779,000 lbs. (2,167.7 mt)	788,000 lbs. (357.4 mt)	11,425,000 lbs. (5,182.3 mt)	2,008,000 lbs. (910.8 mt)

(2) NMFS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** on an annual basis establishing the GHL for Area 2C and Area 3B for that calendar year within 30 days of receiving information from the Commission which establishes the constant exploitation yield for that year.

(3) If the GHL in either Area 2C or 3A is exceeded, NMFS will notify the Council in writing that the GHL has been exceeded within 30 days of receiving information that the GHL has been exceeded.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

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Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 38 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan; Correcting Amendment

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule; correcting amendment.

SUMMARY: NMFS issued a final rule to implement measures contained in Framework Adjustment 38 (Framework 38) to the Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) to exempt a fishery from the Gulf of Maine (GOM) Regulated Mesh Area mesh size regulations. The final rule implementing Framework 38 was published in the **Federal Register** on July 9, 2003. One of the coordinates contained in the Gulf of Maine (GOM) Grate Raised Footrope Trawl Whiting Fishery Exemption Area table was incorrect. NMFS published a correcting amendment on July 25, 2003. However, in the correction document, the headings in the three columns of the table, GOM Grate Raised Footrope Trawl Whiting Fishery Exemption Area, are incorrect. This document corrects those errors.

DATES: This regulation is effective August 8, 2003.