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FINAL DETERMINATION Historic Participation Trap Allocations for Areas 3, 4, and/or 5

On March 27, 2003, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) published a final rule (68 FR 14902) revising Federal American lobster regulations under the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act to be compatible with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster. The final rule implements regulations to control lobster trap fishing effort based on historic participation in three Lobster Management Areas (LMAs) including LMA 3, the offshore waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), and LMAs 4 and 5, the nearshore EEZ from New York to North Carolina. The application period for the Historic Participation Program ended on December 31, 2003. Review of individual applications is complete and all applicants have been notified in writing of their final area qualification and allocation determination.

Based upon qualification criteria and associated documentation requirements to prove prior participation and prior lobster trap effort levels specified in the final rule, vessels are allocated a historic trap allocation for each operation that qualifies. For the offshore LMA 3, no vessel will be given an allocation of more than 2,267 traps, and trap allocations of more than 1,200 traps have been reduced annually from 2003 to 2006 (see attached LMA 3 trap reduction table). For nearshore LMAs 4 and 5, traps are allocated based upon the number of traps historically fished, however no vessel will be given an allocation of more than 1,440 lobster traps.

In addition to the maximum trap limits established for each LMA, the actual number of traps a vessel may be authorized to fish may vary from the historic trap allocation based on the specific LMAs the qualified vessel elects to fish in and, if applicable, any more restrictive applicable state law(s).

For additional information on the Historic Participation Program, contact Bob Ross, NMFS - Northeast Region at 978-281-9234



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Vessel Permit	Lobster Area	Trap Allocation
112618	A3	1250
112927	A4	1500
112927	A5	400
114983	A5	600
116792	A4	800
Permit History - 117818	A4	1200
Permit History - 117818	A5	1200
Permit History - 118678	A3	930
118785	A4	400
121260	A4	882
122903	A4	1400
123270	A4	1200
123869	A4	400
125913	A3	400
127170	A4	200
127495	A5	500
130806	A5	237
131458	A3	250
132696	A4	1440
138373	A4	1200
140262	A4	800
140669	A5	200
146019	A5	1200
146778	A3	500
146881	A3	1000
146901	A3	1680
Permit History - 146934	A4	800
147092	A3	600
147115	A5	940
147563	A3	800
147563	A4	1400
147572	A5	300
147939	A4	800
148280	A4	1440
148605	A5	800
148615	A4	1200
148642	A3	1700
148911	A3	1000
148911	A4	1600
148915	A4	1400
149342	A3	250
149464	A3	1000
149482	A3	1500
149488	A4	1280
149517	A3	800
149577	A3	600
149622	A5	1400
Permit History - 149624	A3	2500
149676	A3	900
149699	A5	320
149772	A3	240
149790	A3	1200
149792	A3	1850
149820	A3	2120

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149820	A4	1460
149820	A5	1500
149825	A3	1000
149840	A3	1000
149849	A5	1430
149862	A3	1500
149960	A3	1200
150022	A3	1800
210124	A3	1590
210124	A5	800
210664	A4	800
210707	A4	360
211786	A5	600
212096	A3	1300
212096	A4	1600
Permit History - 212159	A3	1250
212479	A5	960
212707	A4	800
213442	A4	200
213555	A4	300
220189	A4	900
220294	A4	400
220295	A4	1700
Permit History - 220322	A4	1475
220326	A4	1220
220424	A4	264
220739	A5	230
220904	A3	250
221187	A4	1200
221202	A4	1200
221471	A4	800
221562	A4	1200
221878	A3	300
221946	A4	700
221991	A5	1200
222867	A5	300
222903	A4	400
223319	A4	900
223578	A3	450
223600	A3	400
223624	A4	970
230144	A5	990
230146	A3	400
230154	A3	325
230208	A5	500
230224	A3	600
230241	A3	370
230241	A4	1480
230241	A5	390
230248	A4	1500
230259	A5	240
230428	A4	1100
230574	A5	800
230749	A5	1200
230845	A4	1600

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230922	A4	800
230985	A3	300
231022	A3	800
231025	A3	1600
231051	A4	1200
231065	A4	1075
231138	A4	1100
231229	A3	720
231404	A3	600
231434	A3	1100
231460	A4	264
Permit History - 231638	A3	1200
Permit History - 231638	A4	1200
231645	A3	1000
231645	A4	1000
231682	A4	1500
232036	A4	1800
232092	A3	480
232463	A3	600
232887	A3	600
233146	A4	800
233146	A5	360
233155	A3	264
233174	A4	420
Permit History - 233399	A3	1004
233452	A4	1085
233600	A5	400
240165	A3	930
240192	A3	1200
240211	A3	800
240211	A4	1125
Permit History - 240214	A3	1200
240245	A5	1300
240248	A3	360
240271	A3	700
240277	A3	1100
240277	A5	1100
240278	A3	1000
240278	A5	300
240287	A3	1600
240287	A4	1600
240315	A4	1200
240545	A4	1600
240710	A3	1000
240724	A5	875
240789	A3	400
240847	A3	1755
240916	A4	1600
240954	A4	800
240988	A4	1065
240988	A5	990
241007	A3	590
241138	A4	1200
241157	A3	320
241225	A5	680

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241238	A4	1000
241238	A5	1000
241440	A3	1800
241467	A3	883
241764	A4	1450
242246	A5	300
242264	A4	1250
Permit History - 242337	A4	800
242337	A5	3060
242493	A3	1896
242493	A4	1896
242493	A5	864
242509	A4	896
242541	A3	500
242590	A4	300
242601	A3	1440
242681	A3	768
242736	A4	200
250307	A3	1020
250322	A3	1500
250324	A3	600
250324	A5	600
250389	A4	550
Permit History - 250427	A3	1200
250634	A3	1800
250704	A3	2050
250776	A3	2400
250991	A3	2540
Permit History - 250992	A3	1170
251063	A3	2000
251110	A3	200
251221	A3	450
251284	A3	1200
251625	A4	1500
251664	A4	1400
251676	A4	810
251691	A3	800
310150	A3	1514
310222	A3	1800
310235	A3	1150
310236	A3	3100
310279	A3	2050
310304	A3	2000
310386	A3	1800
310417	A3	1900
310446	A3	3000
310472	A3	2600
310481	A3	2000
310499	A3	1800
310523	A3	1800
310537	A3	1800
310553	A5	1000
310559	A3	1922
310624	A5	2145
310649	A3	2565

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310779	A3	2350
310929	A3	2500
310970	A3	2100
320387	A4	450
320559	A3	2300
320573	A5	258
320652	A3	2200
320670	A4	450
320678	A3	2564
320683	A3	1938
320703	A3	2065
320740	A3	2035
320780	A3	2300
320847	A3	3200
321031	A3	2312
321036	A3	2243
321047	A3	2385
321071	A3	3138
330155	A3	2350
330337	A3	2700
330357	A3	2200
330458	A3	2737
330468	A3	2400
330500	A3	2850
330507	A3	2120
330555	A3	2422
330571	A3	1900
330590	A3	2083
330607	A3	5403
330616	A3	2400
330630	A3	1920
330630	A4	480
330678	A3	2000
330776	A3	1150
330776	A4	1100
330789	A3	2500
330808	A3	2000
330815	A3	1700
410317	A3	2567
410325	A3	2400
410350	A3	3960
410418	A3	3770
Permit History - 420067	A3	1200

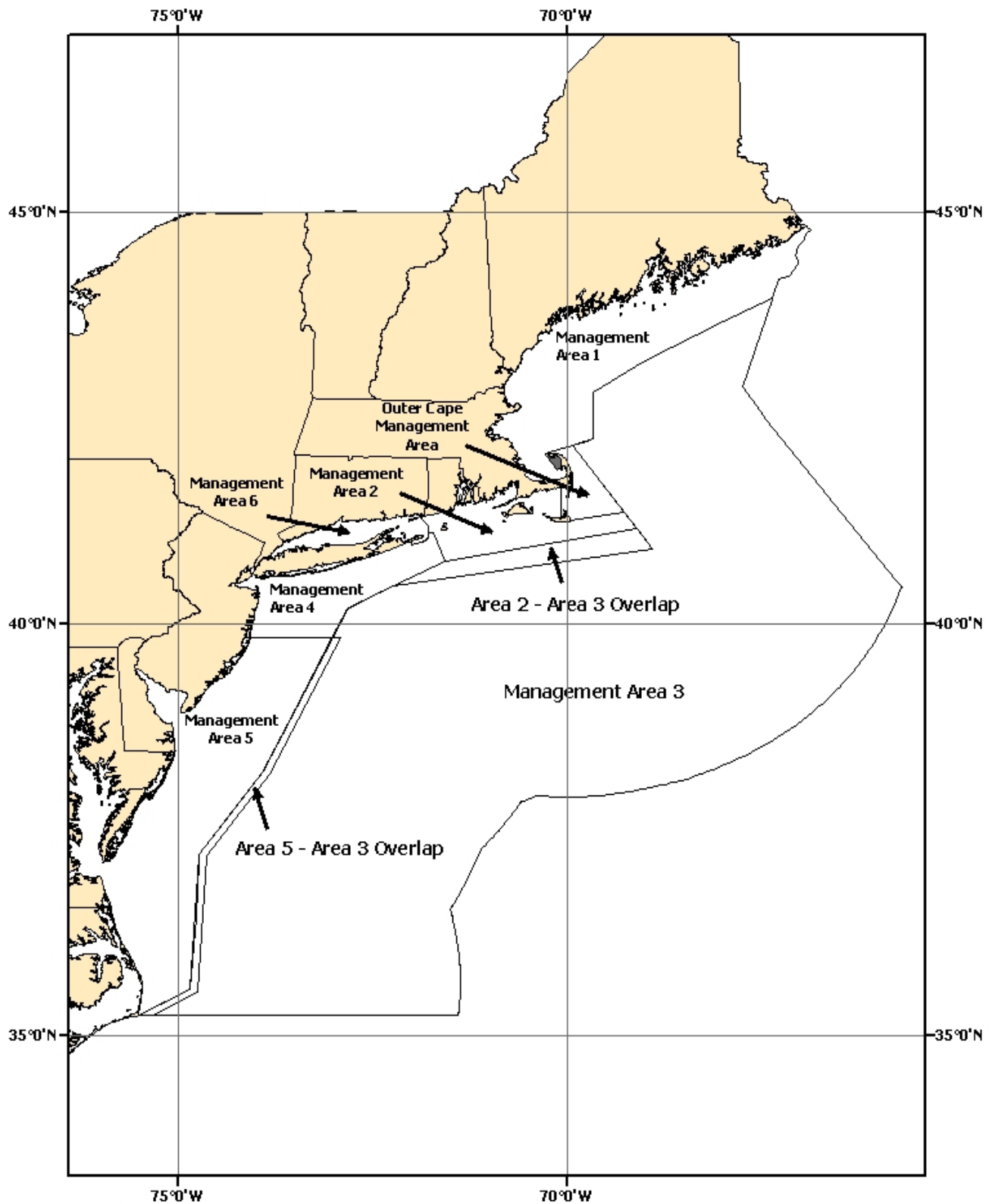
Federal Trap Reduction Schedule for Lobster Management Area 3

Number of Traps* Approved by the Regional Administrator	Trap Allocation by Fishing Year			
	2003	2004	2005	2006 and beyond until changed beyond
1200- 1299	1200	1200	1200	1200
1300-1399	1200	1200	1200	1200
1400-1499	1290	1251	1213	1200
1500-1599	1388	1337	1297	1276
1600-1699	1467	1423	1380	1352
1700-1799	1548	1498	1452	1417
1800-1899	1628	1573	1523	1482
1900-1999	1705	1644	1589	1549
2000-2099	1782	1715	1654	1616
2100-2199	1856	1782	1715	1674
2200-2299	1930	1849	1776	1732
2300-2399	2003	1905	1836	1789
2400-2499	2076	1981	1896	1845
2500-2599	2197	2034	1952	1897
2600-2699	2218	2107	2008	1949
2700-2799	2288	2169	2063	2000
2800-2899	2357	2230	2117	2050
2900-2999	2425	2291	2171	2100
3000-3099	2493	2351	2225	2150
3100-3199	2575	2422	2288	2209
\$3200	2656	2493	2351	2267
* Trap allocations below 1,200 will not be subject to further reductions.				

Table 1 to Part 697 - Area 3 Trap Reduction Schedule

For complete details on lobster Historic Participation regulations, see the final rule the National Marine Fisheries Service published in the Federal Register on March 27, 2003 (68 FR 14902).

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