

# *Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission*

Technical Addendum I

to

Addendum XXI to Amendment 3 to the Interstate  
Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster



*ASMFC Vision Statement:  
Sustainably managing Atlantic coastal fisheries*

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## **Introduction**

At the August 2014 American Lobster Board (Board) meeting the Board approved initiation of a Technical Addendum to address text that was inadvertently included in Addendum XXI to Amendment 3.

The Board initiated Addendum XXI to scale the Southern New England (SNE) fishery to the size of the resource. The management measures in the Addendum are designed to allow for flexibility in the movement of traps as the consolidation program for Lobster Conservation Management Areas (Areas) 2 and 3 to address latent effort (unfished allocation) are implemented.

## **Statement of the Problem**

The below underlined language was neither included in the prepared draft for Board review nor the public comment document and was mistakenly included in the final text of this section in the final published version of Addendum XXI.

Section 3.1.4 (Aggregated Ownership Cap or Ownership Accumulation Limits) of Addendum XXI specifies that:

*Under this addendum, an entity may not own more than 1600 traps (800 active and 800 banked traps). However, those individuals who had more than two (2) permits in December 20003 may retain the number they had at that time, but may not own or share ownership of any additional permits.*

Section 3.1.4 of Addendum XXI applies only to Area 2 and replaces Section 4.2.1.2 (*Monopoly Clauses*) of Addendum VII, which limits the number of permits any single entity/company could own to two (2) with an exception for a group or permit holders. Ownership is defined as having any interest in a lobster permit/business. The goal of the Aggregate Ownership Cap in Area 2 is to reduce the possibility of one entity exerting significant control over the market and keep as many individuals and as much cultural and geographic distribution within the fishery as possible. Through Addendum XXI there is no need to limit permits since the measures in the plan focus on controlling and reducing traps.

## **Management Measures**

Section 3.1.4 (Aggregated Ownership Cap or Ownership Accumulation Limits) of Addendum XXI shall read:

*Under this addendum, an entity may not own more than 1600 traps (800 active and 800 banked traps).*

## **Compliance**

This Technical Addendum will be effective on October 1, 2014.