PROGRAM DETAIL-NORTHEAST

The $25 million will include $500,000 in administrative costs to NMFS for administration of the buy-out program. It is also anticipated that four additional FTE's will be required to administer the program.

The buyout program will be designed to incorporate lessons learned from the $2 million Fishing Capacity Reduction Demonstration Program as well as in coordination with industry representatives and Congressional Member and staff input.

It is expected that the final program will not be implemented until 1996 and a prerequisite for its implementation will be assurance of a management plan to rebuild groundfish stocks.

The demonstration program is expected to raise interesting administrative and conceptual issues which will need to be resolved in the design of the full-scale program.

It is expected that eligibility will be restricted to limited access groundfish permit holders and that it will continue to be a voluntary, reverse-bid system.

We will seek legislative remedy to vessel documentation regulations to permit alternative reuse for retired fishing vessels.