

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

MASSACHUSETTS LOBSTERMEN'S  
ASSOCIATION, INC.  
8 Otis Place  
Scituate, MA 02066

Plaintiff,

v.

GINA RAIMONDO, *in her official capacity  
as Secretary,*  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230,

JANET COIT, *in her official capacity as  
Assistant Administrator,*  
NOAA Fisheries  
1315 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, MD 20910,

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES  
SERVICE,  
1315 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Defendants.

Case No. 1:24-cv-10332

**TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER  
AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

The above-entitled matter came on before the undersigned Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts on Plaintiff Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association, Inc.'s Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, Preliminary Injunction and Stay pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 705 against Defendants Gina Raimondo, Janey Coit, and National Marine Fisheries Service. Plaintiff was represented by Samuel Blatchley, Esq., Daniel J. Cragg, and Robert T.

Dube Jr., Esq. Defendants were represented by \_\_\_\_\_. The Court, being duly advised in the premises, makes the following:

**ORDER**

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff Massachusetts Lobstermen’s Association, Inc.’s Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order be, and the same is, **GRANTED**.

2. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants Gina Raimondo, Janet Coit, and National Marine Fisheries Services, be, and are, **ENJOINED AND RESTRAINED** as follows:

- a. Defendants’ “Final Rule to Close the Wedge Area within the Massachusetts Restricted Area” be stayed until the resolution of Plaintiff’s motion for preliminary injunction and stay;
- b. Defendants shall not promulgate another “Final Rule to Close the Wedge Area within the Massachusetts Restricted Area” unless and until this Court has ruled that Defendants are empowered to do so under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, and any other applicable law.

3. IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants shall show cause, if any there be, before the undersigned Judge of U.S. District Court, 1 Courthouse Way, Boston, Massachusetts 02210, in a courtroom to be determined at \_\_\_\_\_ o’clock \_\_\_\_\_.m. on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024, why a Preliminary Injunction and Stay pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 705 of like purport and effect as this Temporary Restraining Order should not be issued for the pendency of this action.

4. IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall mail a copy of this Order, Injunction, and Administrative Stay to Defendants.

SO ORDERED

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Honorable  
United States District Court Judge