

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service Northeast Region 55 Great Republic Drive Gloucester, MA 01930-2276 www.nero.noaa.gov



## Reminder about Pre-Trip Notification Requirement for *Loligo*/Butterfish Moratorium Permit Holders June 13, 2011

As a *Loligo*/Butterfish Moratorium permit holder, you must notify the Northeast Fishery Observer Program (NEFOP) at least 72 hours, but no more than 10 days, prior to any trip on which you intend to land over 2,500 lb of *Loligo*. This requirement is in effect for the entire fishing year (i.e. Trimesters I (January 1-April 30), II (May 1-August 31), and III (September 1-December 31)).

You may notify NEFOP using any of the following methods:

1) **ONLINE via the Pre-Trip Notification System (PTNS - preferred method):** The PTNS is accessible at <u>https://fish.nefsc.noaa.gov/PTNS/</u>. You can log in using the same username (permit number) and password (PIN) you use for Fish-On-Line. If you do not have access, contact NMFS at (978) 281-9133 or fso.data.requests@noaa.gov.

2) **EMAIL:** You may submit a trip notification by email to <u>NEFSC.PTNS@noaa.gov</u>.

3) **TELEPHONE:** You may call 1-855-FISHES1 (1-855-347-4371).

If you use email or telephone to notify, please relay the following information clearly:

- Vessel name
- Permit number
- Hull number
- Vessel operator
- Vessel contact phone number
- Email addresses at which to receive selection notices and waivers
- Trip type (indicate day trip for trips less than 48 hours in length; indicate multi-day trip for trips greater than 48 hours in length)
- Planned sail date and time
- Port sailing from and estimated trip length

Please be mindful that butterfish catch on observed trips during Trimester II contribute to the annual butterfish mortality cap estimation. Vessels are encouraged to continue to avoid butterfish as much as possible.

You may also receive permit holder letters by e-mail, including closure notices, by visiting our website and clicking on "Permit Holder Letters."

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Kurkul Regional Administrator

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