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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
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Small Entity Compliance Guide
CLOSURE OF THE TRIMESTER II DIRECTED LOLIGO SQUID FISHERY


Dear Loligo Squid Permit Holder:

This letter is to advise you that, effective 0001 hrs local time, August 6, 2009, vessels issued Federal permits for *Loligo* squid may not fish for, catch, possess, or land more than 2,500 pounds of *Loligo* squid through 2400 hours, August 31, 2009. This catch limit restriction will cease at 0001 hours, September 1, 2009, at which time the Trimester III total allowable catch (TAC) for the 2009 *Loligo* squid fishery will become available.

The regulations at 50 CFR 648.22 require NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service to close the directed *Loligo* squid fishery in the Exclusive Economic Zone when the harvest of *Loligo* squid is projected to reach 90 percent of the TAC allocated for Trimester II. I have determined, based on best available data, that 90 percent of the 3,208 mt Trimester II TAC has been harvested.

You may also receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, by e-mail by clicking on "Permit Holder Letters" on our website at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>; or via fax by providing a fax number through a written request to the above address, or by faxing your request to 978-281-9135.¹

Sincerely,


Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

¹This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

