



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
NORTHEAST REGION  
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## **SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE**

### **CLOSURE OF THE DIRECTED BUTTERFISH FISHERY**

Dear Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and/or  
Butterfish Permit Holder:

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service has determined that 80 percent of the butterfish quota for the 2008 fishing year has been harvested. Therefore, **effective 0001 hours, September 5, 2008, the directed fishery for butterfish is closed and vessels issued Federal permits for butterfish may not retain or land more than 250 lb of butterfish per trip or per calendar day. The directed fishery will reopen at 0001 hours, January 1, 2009, at which time the 2009 quota for the butterfish fishery will become available.**

*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.<sup>1</sup>*

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Kurkul  
Regional Administrator

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

