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**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
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## SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Dear Maine Mahogany Quahog Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you that the Maine mahogany quahog quota for the 2006 fishing year is projected to be harvested, based upon dealer reports and other available information.


Therefore, effective 0001 hrs local time, on **November 14, 2006**, fishing vessels holding Federal limited access Maine mahogany quahog permits are prohibited from landing Maine mahogany quahogs harvested from within the Maine mahogany quahog area\* through December 31, 2006.

This does not apply, however, to vessels with a Maine mahogany quahog permit that are fishing under an ocean quahog ITQ, and utilizing ITQ cage tags.

The 2007 fishing year quota for limited access Maine mahogany quahog vessels will be available at the start of the 2007 fishing year on January 1, 2007.

*You may also receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, through our website at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>. For questions, please call 978-281-9315.*

Sincerely,

  
for Patricia A. Kurkul

Regional Administrator

\* The Maine mahogany quahog area is defined as an area of the Atlantic Ocean bounded on the east by the U.S.-Canada maritime boundary, on the south by a straight line at 43° 50' N. latitude, and on the north and west by the shoreline of Maine.

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

