

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE NORTHEAST REGION One Blackburn Drive Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Dear Bluefish Dealer and Commercial Vessel Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you that the Atlantic bluefish commercial quota available to New York has been harvested.

Effective **0001 hours on December 12, 2006**, fishing vessels issued a Federal commercial permit for the bluefish fishery <u>may no longer land bluefish</u> in New York for the remainder of the 2006 calendar year. Vessel owners issued Federal permits are also reminded that they must continue to complete and submit vessel logbooks. Additionally, dealers issued Federal dealer permits for bluefish are advised that they <u>may not purchase bluefish from federally permitted vessels</u> that land in New York for the remainder of the calendar year. Federally permitted dealers must also continue to report all fish purchases from any vessel.

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.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.

