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## SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

### REOPENING OF THE 2006 DIRECTED LOLIGO SQUID FISHERY


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

This letter is to inform you that the directed fishery for Loligo squid in the exclusive economic zone will be reopened, effective April 27, 2006. This reopening will allow the fishery participants to receive the full benefit of the annual quota allocation. Vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit to harvest Loligo squid in excess of the incidental catch allowance may resume fishing for, retaining and landing Loligo squid in excess of the incidental catch allowance at April 27, 2006. The fishery will remain open, and landings may be made until 80 percent of the quarterly allocation is harvested.

After 80 percent of the Quarter II allocation has been harvested the directed fishery for Loligo squid will be closed and vessels issued Federal permits for Loligo squid may not retain or land more than 2,500 lb of Loligo squid per trip or per calendar day. This incidental catch limit restriction will cease at 0001 hours, July 1, 2006, at which time the 2006 Quarter III quota for the Loligo squid 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,

  
for Patricia A. Kurkul

Regional Administrator

*This Small Entity Compliance Guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996.*

