



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

Dear Part-time Tilefish Permit Holder and  
Federally Permitted Tilefish Dealer:

This letter is to inform you that the tilefish quota for the tilefish limited access Part-time permit category for the 2006 fishing year is projected to have been harvested based, upon dealer reports and other available information.

Therefore, effective 0001 hrs local time, **March 27, 2006**, fishing vessels holding tilefish limited access Part-time category permits are prohibited from landing tilefish harvested from within the Golden Tilefish Management Unit\* through October 31, 2006.

Federally permitted dealers are also advised that, effective **March 27, 2006**, they may not purchase tilefish from vessels holding tilefish limited access Part-time category permits who land tilefish harvested from within the Golden Tilefish Management Unit for the remainder of the 2006 fishing year (through October 31, 2006).

The 2007 fishing year for tilefish will open on November 1, 2006.

You may also receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, by e-mail by clicking on "NOAA Fisheries News Releases" 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.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Kurkul  
Regional Administrator

\* The Golden Tilefish Management Unit is defined as an area of the Atlantic Ocean from the latitude of the VA and NC border (36°33.36' N. lat.), extending eastward from the shore to the outer boundary of the exclusive economic zone, and northward to the United States-Canada border.

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

