



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

December 9, 2005

SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

CLOSURE OF THE 2005 DIRECTED LOLIGO SQUID FISHERY

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

NMFS has determined that 95 percent of the 2005 annual Loligo squid quota has been harvested. Therefore, **effective 0001 hours, December 18, 2005, the directed fishery for Loligo squid is 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. The directed fishery will reopen at 0001 hours, January 1, 2006, at which time the 2006 Quarter I 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.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

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

