

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

CLOSURE OF THE QUARTER I DIRECTED LOLIGO SQUID FISHERY

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

NMFS has determined that 80 percent of the <u>Loligo</u> squid Quarter I quota for 2005 has been harvested. Therefore, **effective 0001 hours**, **February 20, 2005**, **the directed fishery for <u>Loligo</u> squid is closed and vessels issued Federal permits for <u>Loligo</u> squid may not retain or land more than 2,500 lb of <u>Loligo</u> squid per trip or per calendar day. The directed fishery will reopen at 0001 hours, April 1, 2005, at which time the 2005 Quarter II quota for the <u>Loligo</u> squid fishery will become available.**

You may also receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, by e-mail by clicking on "What's New" 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

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

