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ATTENTION LOLIGO SQUID FISHING VESSELS AND DEALERS

The Atlantic mackerel, squid and butterfish regulations at 50 CFR 648.21 require that if <u>Loligo</u> squid landings made in Quarter I (January-March) of any year exceed the commercial quota allocation, the amount of the quota overage must be deducted from the quota allocation for Quarter III (July-September).

The Quarter I quota allocation for 2005 was 12,267,184 pounds (lb), while landings in Quarter I were 16,887,113 lb. Therefore, the Quarter III allocation has been reduced by 4,619,929 lb, resulting in an adjusted allocation of 1,766,643 lb. The directed fishery for <u>Loligo</u> squid will be closed when information becomes available that indicates that the fishery will harvest 80% of this quota (1,413,314 lb).

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

