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NORTHEAST REGION
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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

CONTROL DATE FOR THE ILLEX AND LOLIGO SQUID FISHERIES

Dear Permit Holder:

This letter serves to inform you of action recently taken by NOAA Fisheries on behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) relating to the development of fishery management plan amendments for the Loligo and Illex squid fisheries.

The Council recently requested, and NOAA Fisheries published, a control date for the Loligo and Illex squid fisheries. The publication of this notice of control date in the Federal Register serves to notify the public that future action may be considered to further control capacity or latent effort in the commercial fishery for Loligo squid and to maintain limited entry in the Illex commercial fishery, should the current moratorium on entry into that fishery expire. This notice is purely advisory.

The control date for the Loligo and Illex fisheries is: May 20, 2003

The Federal Register notice that established this control date contains additional information regarding the possible use of this control date. To request a copy of this notice, please call (978) 281-9315, or visit the Northeast Regional Office's website at: <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/>

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

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

