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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

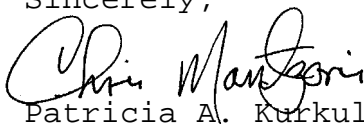
CLOSURE OF THE 2002 DIRECTED LOLIGO SQUID FISHERY

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

NMFS has determined that 95 percent of the 2002 annual Loligo squid quota has been harvested. Therefore, **effective 0001 hours, December 24, 2002, 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. This incidental catch limit restriction will cease at 0001 hours, January 1, 2003, at which time the 2003 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 "NOAA Fisheries News Releases" on our website at <http://www.nero.nmfs.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,

for 
Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

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

