



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
NORTHEAST REGION  
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## SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

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

This letter is to inform you that the National Marine Fisheries Service has partially approved Framework 2 to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan. This action extends the limited entry program for the Illex squid fishery until July 1, 2003; allows for the roll-over of the annual specifications for these fisheries (with the exception of total allowable landings of foreign fishing) in the event annual specifications are not published prior to the start of the fishing year; and allows Loligo squid specifications to be set for up to 3 years, subject to annual review. NMFS has disapproved the proposed framework measures to modify the Loligo squid overfishing definition and control rule; and to allow Illex squid vessels an exemption from the Loligo squid trip limit during an August or September closure of the directed Loligo squid fishery.

This letter is only a summary of the regulations that have been implemented. To read these regulations in their entirety, you are encouraged to obtain a complete copy by calling (978) 281-9344 or by accessing the Northeast Regional Office's web page at: <http://www.nero.nmfs.gov> and clicking on "Federal Register - Public Comments."

Sincerely,

**for**

Patricia A. Kurkul

Regional Administrator

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