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

Dear Part-time Tilefish Permit Holder and
Federally Permitted Tilefish Dealer:

This letter is to inform you that the limited access Part-time tilefish portion of the yearly tilefish quota for the 2002 fishing year is projected to be harvested, based upon dealer reports and other available information.

Therefore, effective 0001 hrs local time, **September 5, 2002**, fishing vessels holding Part-time category Federal tilefish permits are prohibited from landing tilefish harvested from within the tilefish management unit* through October 31, 2002.

Federally permitted dealers are also advised that, effective **September 5, 2002**, they may not purchase tilefish from Part-time category federally permitted tilefish vessels who land tilefish harvested from within the tilefish management unit, for the remainder of the 2002 fishing year (through October 31, 2002).

The 2003 fishing year quota for limited access Part-time tilefish vessels will open on November 1, 2002.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia A. Kurkul".

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

* The tilefish management unit is defined as an area of the Atlantic Ocean from the latitude of the VA and NC border (36°33.36' N. lat.), extending eastward from the shore to the outer boundary of the exclusive economic zone, and northward to the United States-Canada border.

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

