



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
One Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

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CLOSURE OF THE QUARTER II DIRECTED LOLIGO SQUID FISHERY

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

NMFS has determined that 80 percent of the Loligo squid Quarter II quota will be harvested prior to May 29, 2001. Therefore, **effective 0001 hours, May 29, 2001, 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 (1.13 mt) per trip or per calendar day. This incidental catch limit restriction will cease at 0001 hours, July 1, 2001, at which time the 2001 Quarter III quota for the Loligo squid fishery will become available.**

You are encouraged to obtain further information or a copy of the regulations by calling (978) 281-9315. This letter does not contain all the regulatory provisions that pertain to these species and, consequently, has no legal force or effect. A copy of the regulations can also be obtained through a link to the Office of the Federal Register at the NMFS Northeast Regional Office's Web Site:
<http://www.nero.nmfs.gov/ro/doc/nero.html>.

The Northeast Regional Office has established two automated systems to provide faster notice to industry of management actions: (1) E-mail notice-- you may request email notices by clicking on "What's New" on our website (address above), or (2) fax notice--you may provide a fax number that will be loaded into an automated system by mailing or faxing a written request (fax 978-281-9135).

Sincerely,

for

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

