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

Dear Full-time Tier 2 Tilefish Permit Holder and
Federally Permitted Tilefish Dealer:

This letter is to inform you that the tilefish quota for the tilefish limited access Full-time Tier 2 permit category for the 2008 fishing year is projected to be harvested on May 8, 2008, based upon dealer reports and other available information.

Therefore, effective 0001 hrs local time, **May 8, 2008**, fishing vessels holding tilefish limited access Full-time Tier 2 category permits are prohibited from landing tilefish harvested from within the Golden Tilefish Management Unit* through October 31, 2008.

Federally permitted dealers are also advised that, effective **May 8, 2008**, they may not purchase tilefish from vessels holding tilefish limited access Full-time Tier 2 category permits who land tilefish harvested from within the Golden Tilefish Management Unit for the remainder of the 2008 fishing year (through October 31, 2008).

The 2009 fishing year for tilefish will open on November 1, 2008.

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.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

* The Golden 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 Fairness Act of 1996.

