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***Loligo* Squid Fishery**  
Closure of Trimester 2 Directed Fishery  
*Effective August 23, 2011*

As of 0001 hours, August 23, 2011, vessels issued Federal *Loligo* squid (*Loligo*) permits may not possess or land more than 2,500 lb of *Loligo* until the start of Trimester 3 on September 1, 2011. Federally permitted dealers may not purchase more than 2,500 lb of *Loligo* from 0001 hours, August 23, 2011, until the start of Trimester 3 on September 1, 2011.

*Frequently Asked Questions:*

**How much of the Trimester 2 *Loligo* quota has been harvested?**

Based on dealer landings, 90 percent of the 2011 Trimester 2 *Loligo* quota will be harvested by August 23, 2011. Although Trimester 3 starts on September 1, 2011, the regulations require that we close the Trimester 2 directed *Loligo* fishery when landings are projected to reach 90 percent of the quota.

**Is this closure because of the butterfish mortality cap?**

No. There is a butterfish mortality cap in the *Loligo* fishery, but Trimester 2 of the *Loligo* fishery is closing because 90 percent of the Trimester 2 *Loligo* quota has been harvested. As of August 10, 2011, only 1,216,050 lb, or 38.4 percent of the 3,165,838 lb annual butterfish mortality cap quota has been harvested. This means that 1,949,788 lb, or 61.6 percent of the butterfish mortality cap, will be available for the *Loligo* fishery during Trimester 3 (September 1 - December 31, 2011).

**Can I land any *Loligo* during this closure?**

Yes, you can possess and land up to 2,500 lb of *Loligo* from 0001 hours, August 23 – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

We will notify you if there are any other changes in this fishery you need to know about. If you have any questions, please contact Sustainable Fisheries at 978-281-9315.

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

