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

CLOSURE OF THE DIRECTED ILLEX SQUID FISHERY

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

NMFS has determined that 95 percent of the Illex squid quota has been harvested. Therefore, **effective 0001 hours, September 21, 2004 the directed fishery for Illex squid is closed and vessels issued Federal permits for Illex squid may not retain or land more than 10,000 lb of Illex squid per trip or per calendar day. The directed fishery will reopen at 0001 hours, January 1, 2005, at which time the 2005 quota for the Illex squid fishery will become available.**

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

This Small Entity Compliance Guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996.

