



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
NORTHEAST REGION  
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## SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

### CLOSURE OF THE QUARTER I DIRECTED LOLIGO SQUID FISHERY

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

NMFS has determined that 80 percent of the Loligo squid Quarter I quota has been harvested. Therefore, **effective 0001 hours, March 5, 2004, 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 of Loligo squid per trip or per calendar day. The directed fishery will reopen at 0001 hours, April 1, 2004, at which time the 2004 Quarter II quota for the Loligo 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.*

