



United States Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Service
Northeast Region
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Dear Squid permit holder:

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service has revised the Vessel Trip Reporting (VTR) species codes used for Illex and Loligo squids. The previous codes used for Illex and Loligo were SQI and SQL respectively. The similarity in those codes caused confusion which may have resulted in VTR data being misinterpreted. The new codes will be required to be reported in block #17 (Species Code Name) when these species are landed. This new species code is effective immediately.

The new codes are:

ILX – Illex Squid
LOL – Loligo Squid

If you have further questions about this matter or any Vessel Trip Reporting issue, contact the Northeast Vessel Trip Reporting Office at (978) 281-9246.

Sincerely

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