



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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Atlantic Mackerel Slippage Consequence Measures

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NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service has approved Framework Adjustment 9 to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan. This action addresses consequence measures for vessels that discard catch before it has been sampled by an observer which is known as slippage.

For all limited access (Tier 1, 2, and 3) Atlantic mackerel vessels carrying an observer:

- The vessel operator must move and remain at least 15 nautical miles from where a slippage event occurs if slippage was due to safety, mechanical failure, or excess catch of spiny dogfish.
- The vessel operator must immediately terminate the fishing trip and return to port if the slippage event occurs for any other reason.

Slippage Reporting Requirement

The vessel operator must report a slippage event when it occurs on observed trips via the vessel monitoring system:

- Use the Atlantic mackerel and longfin squid daily catch report to report a slippage event. A screen shot of this report can be found on the next page of this letter.
- Complete the report at the time of the slippage event and before moving 15 nautical miles or returning to port.

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MACKEREL AND LONGFIN SQUID DAILY CATCH REPORT
Form Layout

Submit this daily report for your Mackerel or Longfin Squid trip by 9 AM of the following day.

1. Operator's Permit Number: _____
2. Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial Number:
(Reported to dealer) _____
3. Date fish caught (MMDDYY): _____
4. Species (lbs) Kept:
 Mackerel _____
 Longfin Squid _____
5. Total Fish Kept (lbs): _____
(all species including mackerel and longfin squid)
6. Did slippage occur when you were carrying an observer?
Enter 'Y' or 'N': ____ If 'Y', complete step 7.
7. Indicate reason for slippage.
 ___ SAFETY
 ___ MECHANICAL FAILURE
 ___ DOGFISH
 ___ OTHER (please describe)