

# Butterfish Mortality Cap for the Directed Longfin Squid Fishery

Report run on: June 21, 2012  
 For data reported through: June 20, 2012  
**Quota period:** Annual  
**Quota period dates:** 01/01/12 to 12/31/12

| Week ending date | Estimated butterfish catch (lb)* | Cumulative estimated butterfish catch (lb) | Cumulative percent of quota (3,165,838 lb) |
|------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Trimester I      | 1,297,500                        | 1,297,500                                  | 41.0                                       |
| 5/5/2012         | 68,754                           | 1,366,254                                  | 43.2                                       |
| 5/12/2012        | 105,977                          | 1,472,231                                  | 46.5                                       |
| 5/19/2012        | 139,881                          | 1,612,112                                  | 50.9                                       |
| 5/26/2012        | 144,415                          | 1,756,527                                  | 55.5                                       |
| 6/2/2012         | 180,903                          | 1,937,430                                  | 61.2                                       |
| 6/9/2012         | 144,054                          | 2,081,484                                  | 65.7                                       |
| 6/16/2012        | 205,101                          | 2,286,585                                  | 72.2                                       |
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\*For information on the methodology used to estimate butterfish catch click [here](#)

### Notice

In Trimester II, the directed longfin squid fishery will be closed if longfin squid landings are projected to reach 7,494,174 lb (90% of the Trimester II quota). The longfin squid fishery will not be closed in Trimester II due to the butterfish mortality cap. The mortality cap will be monitored during Trimester II, and any overages or underages will be applied to Trimester III. As of week ending date 6/16/2012, the cumulative estimated butterfish catch for Trimester II is 989,085 lb, or 947% of the 104,499 lb Trimester II quota.

### Changes to the Butterfish Specifications

The 2012 butterfish specifications have been revised from the proposed rule in an interim final rule. The comment period for the interim final rule ended on April 20, 2012, and a final rule for the 2012 butterfish specifications will publish soon.

For information on the directed butterfish fishery click [here](#)



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