

Butterfish Mortality Cap for the Directed Longfin Squid Fishery

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 For data reported through: August 29, 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 (5,390,302 lb)
Trimester I	1,255,015	1,255,015	23.3
5/5/2012	66,480	1,321,495	24.5
5/12/2012	107,078	1,428,573	26.5
5/19/2012	139,428	1,568,001	29.1
5/26/2012	139,835	1,707,837	31.7
6/2/2012	178,985	1,886,822	35.0
6/9/2012	160,930	2,047,752	38.0
6/16/2012	218,678	2,266,430	42.0
6/23/2012	319,616	2,586,046	48.0
6/30/2012	260,535	2,846,580	52.8
7/7/2012	403,967	3,250,547	60.3
7/14/2012	237,523	3,488,071	64.7
7/21/2012	69,907	3,557,978	66.0
7/28/2012	83,952	3,641,930	67.6
8/4/2012	110,184	3,752,114	69.6
8/11/2012	75,395	3,827,508	71.0
8/18/2012	31,737	3,859,245	71.6
8/25/2012	8,765	3,868,010	71.8

*For information on the methodology used to estimate butterfish catch click [here](#)

Notice

The Trimester II directed longfin squid fishery was closed on July 10, 2012. Federally permitted vessels are prohibited from fishing for, possessing, or landing more than 2,500 lb of longfin squid until the start of Trimester III on September 1, 2012. The mortality cap will continue to be monitored during Trimester II, and any overages or underages will be applied to Trimester III. As of week ending date 8/25/2012, the cumulative estimated butterfish catch for Trimester II is 2,612,995 lb, or 2,500% of the 104,499 lb Trimester II quota.

Changes to the Butterfish Specifications

Framework 6 and the 2012 Final Butterfish Specifications are effective as of August 24, 2012. This increases the quota in the directed butterfish fishery to 1,072 mt (2,363,355 lb) and the butterfish mortality cap for the directed longfin squid fishery to 2,445 mt (5,390,302 lb) for the remainder of the 2012 fishing year. Therefore, the Trimester III longfin squid fishery will open as scheduled on September 1, 2012.

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



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