Butterfish Mortality Cap for the Directed Longfin Squid Fishery

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For data reported through: August 17, 2016
Quota period: Trimester 2
Quota period dates: 05/01/2016 to 08/31/2016

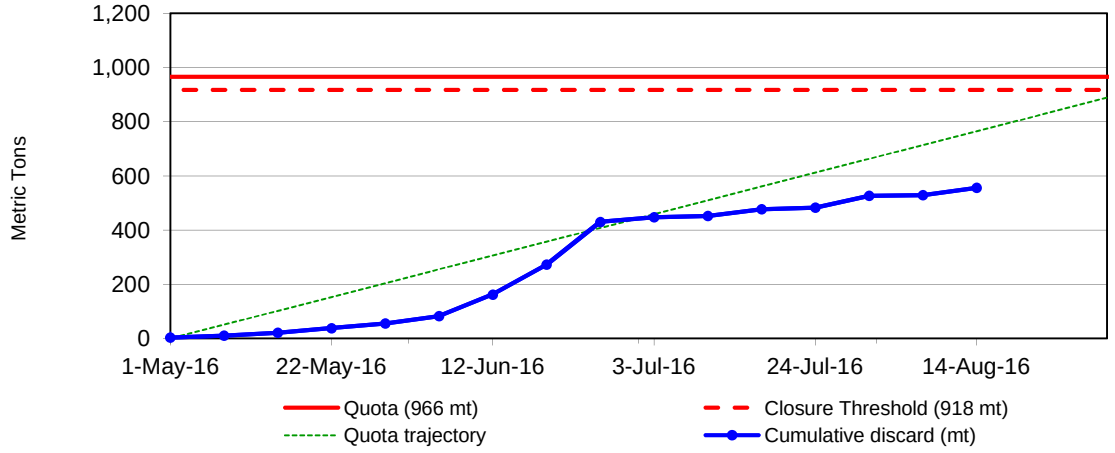
Reporting Period	Estimated butterfish discard (mt)	Cap quota (mt)	Percent of quota
Trimester 1	542.5	1,670	32.5
Trimester 2*	555.8	966	57.5
Trimester 3 (Annual Cumulative)			

***The Trimester II cap quota may be adjusted on an annual basis if an underage occurred in Trimester I.**

Notice
The 2016 specification for longfin squid will be effective May 25, 2016.

In Trimester II, the directed longfin squid fishery is closed if:
Longfin squid landings are projected to reach 5,152 mt (11,358,216 lb) (from May 1 to August 15)
-OR-
Longfin squid landings are projected to reach 5,438 mt (11,988,738 lb) (from August 15 to August 30)
-OR-
The butterfish discard cap reaches 918 mt (2,024,019 lb) (from May 1 to August 31).

The Trimester II closure threshold will change on August 15 of each year from 90 to 95% to avoid 1-2 week closures at the end of the Trimester.

For information on the directed butterfish fishery click here

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