

Federalism Effects

Due to the migratory nature of certain species of birds, the Federal Government has been given responsibility over these species by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. These rules do not have a substantial direct effect on fiscal capacity, change the roles or responsibilities of Federal or State governments, or intrude on State policy or administration. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 13132, these regulations do not have significant federalism effects and do not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Government-to-Government Relationship with Tribes

In accordance with the President's memorandum of April 29, 1994, "Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments" (59 FR 22951) and 512 DM 2, we have evaluated possible effects on Federally recognized Indian tribes and have determined that there are no effects.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 20

Exports, Hunting, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation, Wildlife.

Accordingly, we are amending part 20, subchapter B, chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 20—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 20 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 703–712 and 16 U.S.C. 742 a–j.

2. Section 20.21 is amended by revising paragraph (j) in its entirety to read as follows:

§ 20.21 What hunting methods are illegal?

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(j) While possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than steel shot, or bismuth-tin (97 parts bismuth: 3 parts tin with <1 percent residual lead) shot, or tungsten-iron (40 parts tungsten: 60 parts iron with <1 percent residual lead) shot, or tungsten-polymer (95.5 parts tungsten: 4.5 parts Nylon 6 or 11 with <1 percent residual lead) shot, or tungsten-matrix (95.9 parts tungsten: 4.1 parts polymer with <1 percent residual lead) shot, or such shot approved as nontoxic by the Director pursuant to procedures set forth in § 20.134, provided that this restriction applies only to the taking of Anatidae (ducks,

geese, [including brant] and swans), coots (*Fulica americana*) and any species that make up aggregate bag limits during concurrent seasons with the former in areas described in § 20.108 as nontoxic shot zones.

Subpart M—[Removed and Reserved]

3. Remove and reserve subpart M, consisting of §§ 20.140 through 20.143.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

[Docket No. 000119014-0137-02; I.D. 083000E]

Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Closure of Fishery for *Loligo* Squid

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the directed fishery for *Loligo* squid in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) will be closed effective September 7, 2000. Vessels issued a Federal permit to harvest *Loligo* squid may not retain or land more than 2,500 lb (1.13 mt) per trip of *Loligo* squid for the remainder of the year. This action is necessary to prevent the fishery from exceeding its annual quota. The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) has recommended that additional quota be allocated for the year 2000, and NMFS is reviewing the recommendation. Should the recommendation be adopted, NMFS will reopen the fishery.

DATES: Effective 0001 hours, September 7, 2000, through 2400 hours, December 31, 2000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulations governing the *Loligo* squid fishery are found at 50 CFR part 648. The regulations require annual specifications for initial optimum yield,

as well as the amounts for allowable biological catch, domestic annual harvest (DAH), domestic annual processing, joint venture processing, and total allowable levels of foreign fishing for the species managed under the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan. The procedures for setting the annual initial specifications are described in § 648.21.

The 2000 specification of DAH for *Loligo* squid was set at 13,000 mt (65 FR 16341, March 28, 2000). This amount is allocated by trimester, based on the percentages summarized in the following table.

Loligo 4-MONTH PERIOD ALLOCATIONS

4-month Period	Per-cent	Metric Tons
I (Jan-Apr)	42	5,460
II (May-Aug)	18	2,340
III (Sep-Dec)	40	5,200
Total	100	13,000

Section 648.22 requires the closure of the directed *Loligo* squid fishery in the EEZ when 90 percent of the trimester's allocation of DAH for *Loligo* squid has been harvested in Period I or II, and when 95 percent of the total annual DAH has been harvested in Period III. NMFS is further required to notify, in advance of the closure, the Executive Directors of the Mid-Atlantic, New England, and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils; mail notification of the closure to all holders of *Loligo* squid permits at least 72 hours before the effective date of the closure; provide adequate notice of the closure to recreational participants in the fishery; and publish notification of the closure in the **Federal Register**.

NMFS has determined, based on landings and other available information, that 95 percent of the total annual DAH for *Loligo* squid will be harvested by September 6, 2000. Therefore, effective 0001 hours, September 7, 2000, the directed fishery for *Loligo* squid is closed and vessels issued Federal permits for *Loligo* squid may not retain or land more than 2,500 lb (1.13 mt) of *Loligo* per trip. The directed fishery will reopen effective 0001 hours, January 1, 2001, which marks the beginning of the Period I quota for the 2001 fishing year. The Council has recommended that additional quota be allocated for the year 2000. NMFS is reviewing this recommendation. Should the recommendation be adopted, NMFS will reopen the fishery by publishing a notification action in the **Federal**

Register to inform the fishing industry and the general public.

Classification

This action is required by 50 CFR part 648 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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