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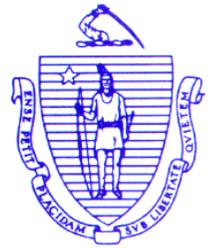
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

ALL WATERS SOUTH OF CAPE COD CLOSED TO SMALL-MESH TRAWLING FOR SQUID EFFECTIVE JUNE 19

Due to this year's late run of squid and continued commercial interest in the squid fishery, the Acting Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) has extended the small-mesh trawl fishery for squid in the waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth within Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds through Thursday, June 18, 2015. Prior to this extension, the fishery was scheduled to close on Wednesday, June 10, 2015. In addition, *Marine Fisheries* is rescinding the allowance for small-mesh trawls to fish for squid in state waters south of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket during the summer period (after June 9). This regulatory change will be codified on Friday, June 19, 2015.

The combined effect of these actions is that all waters south of Cape Cod will be closed to small-mesh trawling for squid effective Friday, June 19, 2015. Accordingly, all state-waters small-mesh trawl fishing activity must conclude ½ hour after sunset on Thursday, June 18, 2015. During the state-waters small-mesh trawl closure, vessels fishing with small-mesh trawls in the adjacent federal zone may anchor up and transit state waters in possession of small-mesh trawls and squid caught by small-mesh trawls, provided they are not actively fishing.

For 2016 and beyond, the longstanding April 23 through June 9 small mesh trawl exemption for squid fishing in the waters south of Cape Cod and the Islands remains in place.

For more information about the state waters small-mesh trawl fishery for squid you may contact *Marine Fisheries* by phone (617-626-1520) or e-mail (marine.fish@state.ma.us), or visit our [website](#).