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Marine Fisheries Advisory

Small Mesh Trawl Squid Fishery Season Extension

The Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) has declared an extension to the season when trawlers may fish with small mesh for squid in certain waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth that are south and west of Cape Cod ([Declaration Notice](#) and [Permit Conditions](#)). Trawlers may continue to fish within the small mesh squid trawl exempted area, as described at 322 CMR 4.06(1), through Sunday, June 16, 2019 using net mesh that measures at least 1 7/8". This decision is being made to provide additional access to large, market sized squid that remain in these waters.

Vessels fishing with net mesh measuring less than 6 1/2" in the cod end, or in possession of such nets onboard the vessel, shall not retain, possess or land more than 100 pounds of flounders.

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