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Marine Fisheries Advisory

Longfin Squid Incidental Possession Limit In Effect

On June 24, 2016, the National Marine Fisheries Service announced that 90% of the 2016 federal Trimester 2 (May 1 – August 31) longfin squid quota was harvested. In accordance with federal regulations, NMFS established a 2,500 lb longfin squid trip limit for the remainder of Trimester 2; this limit is currently in effect.

The Director of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) has [declared](#) an interim longfin squid trip limit of 2,500 which will be effective through August 31. During this period it is unlawful for any vessel to possess or land more than 2,500 pounds of longfin squid unless otherwise allowed by federal regulations. At 0001 on September 1, 2016, vessels may possess and land longfin squid in accordance with federal limits. This action strictly complements the federal possession and landing limit and does not affect the current seasonal prohibition on the use of small mesh trawls to target squid in state waters.

For more information about the management of longfin squid and other fish species in Massachusetts please visit our website at: www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.