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### **CLARIFICATION ON POSSESSION OF *LOLIGO* SQUID**

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This notice is to clarify the times when the Commonwealth of Massachusetts implements a 2,500-lb trip limit for *Loligo* squid. The federal management plan for *Loligo* squid requires federally permitted vessels to comply with a daily trip limit of 2,500 lbs. once the quota trigger has been reached for any given trimester. The state complements a 2,500-lb trip limit during those times that a federal trip limit is in place (322 CMR 6.39).

As noted in an April 17th *Marine Fisheries* Advisory the state *Loligo* squid trawl fishery opened on April 23 rd under a 2,500-lb. trip limit given prior action by NOAA Fisheries to implement a 2,500-lb. trip limit for the remainder of that trimester, through April 30 th. A new trimester began on May 1 st and the federal trip limit was lifted. As of this date there is no federal *Loligo* squid trip limit and thus no complementary trip limit for the state *Loligo* squid trawl fishery.

The state waters small-mesh trawl fishery remains open through June 9 th. *Marine Fisheries* will provide notification should the quota trigger be reached for this trimester and a subsequent a 2,500-lb trip limit would be implemented.