

Summary of Squid Management Measures Adopted by the Commission 27 August 2004 and 3 December 2004 (revised 22 March 2005).

Fishery Control Rules

Seasonal Statewide Catch Limitation

A.2 - Establish a seasonal catch limitation based on recent average catch and the assumption that squid biomass is above average spawning biomass (currently set at 118,000 tons) to be reviewed in two years

Weekend Closures

D.1 - Continue closures from noon Friday to noon Sunday from the U.S.-Mexico border to the California-Oregon border

Monitoring Program

E.1 - Continue existing squid monitoring programs (port sampling and logbooks)

Live Bait Fishery and Incidental Catch of Market Squid

F.1 - Continue existing regulations that do not require a squid permit when fishing for live bait or incidental take two tons or less

Gear Restrictions

G.1 - Maintain existing gear options regarding wattage (30,000 watts)

G.4 - Establish gear restrictions which state that each vessel fishing for squid and lighting for squid will utilize shielding that will reduce the light scatter of its fishing operations by shielding the entire filament of each light used to attract squid and orient the illumination directly downward so that the lower edge of the shield will be parallel to the deck of the vessel

Restricted Access Program

Market Squid Fleet Capacity Goal

H.3 - Establish a capacity goal for market squid vessels that produces a moderately productive and specialized fleet (55 vessels, 18 brail vessels and 34 light boats, capacity goal for non-transferable permits is zero)

I.1 - Initial Issuance of Permits

- *Transferable Permits*: Market Squid Vessel Permit: possession of a current market squid vessel permit (2004-2005) and a minimum of 50 landings in window period January 1,2000 through March 31,2003
- *Brail Permit*: Possession of a current market squid vessel permit (2004-2005) and a minimum of 10 landings made with brail gear in window period January 1, 2000 through March 31,2003;
- *Light Boat Permit*: Possession of a current market squid permit (either vessel or light for 2004-2005) and have submitted one light boat log by December 31, 2000.

- *Non-Transferable Permits:* Market Squid Vessel Permit: Possession of a current market squid vessel permit (2004-2005), possession of a California commercial fishing license for at least 20 years and a minimum of 33 landings prior to August 27, 2004. Only receipts that demonstrate catch aboard a vessel that does not already qualify for issuance of a transferable permit of any permit class are eligible.
- *Brail Permit:* Possession of a current market squid vessel permit (2004-2005), possessed a California commercial fishing license for at least 20 years and made a minimum of 10 landings with brail gear during one fishing season in a window period from January 1,2000 through

March 31, 2003: Only receipts that demonstrate catch aboard a vessel that does not already qualify for issuance of a transferable permit of any permit class are eligible. Light Boat Permit: There is not a non-transferable permit category.

Permit Fees

J.2 - Annual permit fees:

- Market Squid Vessel Permit - Transferable = \$2,000
- Market Squid Vessel Permit - Non-Transferable = \$1,000
- Market Squid Brail Permit - Transferable = \$2,000
- Market Squid Brail Permit - Non-Transferable = \$1,000
- Market Squid Light Boat Permit - Transferable = \$600

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Market Squid Vessel Permit Transferability

K.3 - full transferability of market squid vessel permits based on comparable capacity (within 10%); establish transferability of market squid vessel permits to a vessel of larger capacity under a "2 for 1" permit retirement; individuals wishing to gain entry into the fishery must secure two permits

Market Squid Brail Permit Transferability

L.3 - Establish full transferability of market squid brail permits based on comparable capacity

Market Squid Light Boat Owner's Permit Transferability

M.3 - Establish full transferability of light boat owner permits with a '1 for 1' permit retirement

M.4: Trade \geq 1 light boat owner permit for one brail permit (renoticed by the Commission 22 March 2005)

Transferability Fee

N.1 - Establish a transfer fee of \$500 and Market Squid Brail Permit upgrade fee of \$1,500
Experimental Market Squid Vessel Permits

O.2 - Establish three non-transferable experimental fishery permits.

ECOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Area and Time Closures to Address Seabird Issues

R.9 - Establish areas closed to squid vessels using attracting lights in all waters of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

Administrative items

Market Squid Advisory Committee Options

S.1 - The Director may establish an advisory committee for the squid fishery, which includes scientific, environmental and industry representatives