



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
 NORTHEAST REGION
 55 Great Republic Drive
 Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

CLOSED AREA I MIDWATER TRAWL RELEASED CODEND AFFIDAVIT

This form must be completed following a released codend if any part of the tow occurred inside Closed Area I. Completed and signed forms must be submitted to NMFS at the conclusion of the trip.

To be Completed by Vessel Operator

Vessel Name	Permit Number
Fishing Vessel Trip Report (FVTR) Serial Number	Date & Time
Primary Reason for Release:	<input type="checkbox"/> Vessel Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical Problems <input type="checkbox"/> Dogfish
Please provide any additional detail on why the codend was released:	

	Pounds
Estimated total weight of tow:	
Estimated total weight of all fish released (if less than the full tow):	

Signature

This form is required to be completed by the operator of any midwater trawl vessel which has declared an intention to fish in Closed Area I pursuant to 50 CFR 648.80(d)(5) if fish are released before being brought aboard and sampled by an observer. Signature of this form certifies that the vessel operator attests that the information provided on this form is true, complete and correct to the best of their knowledge, and made in good faith (18 U.S.C. 1001). Making a false statement on this form is punishable by law.

Information obtained from the affidavit is held confidential as required by NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Confidentiality of Fisheries Statistics, and would be used only in summarized form (without identifying the source of data, i.e., vessel name, owner, etc.) for management of the fishery in the future.

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