



THE STATE OF THE FISHERY

SQUID

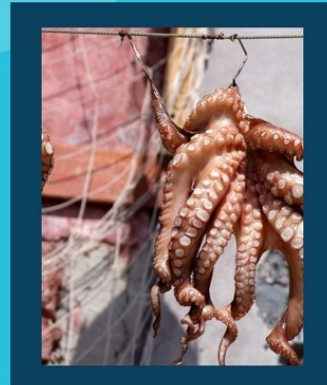
The squid fishery in Maine is made up of long fin squid and shortfin squid. Longfin squid are often sold as calamari while shortfin squid are often used as bait.

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council manages the squid fishery under the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Plan.



The squid fishery is year round. Inshore fishing happens from the spring to early fall, while offshore fishing takes place from the fall until spring.

Did you know that because of their short lifespan and fast growth rate, entire squid populations can replace themselves in a span of around 6 months!



Squid are a food source for other animals like swordfish, tuna, birds, seals, and dolphins.

Longfin squid and shortfin squid are not overfished, but we do not know enough about the fishery. Feel free to eat Maine squid, but pay attention to new data.