

# **BLACK SEA BASS POSSESSION LIMIT DROPPED FROM 500 LBS. PER DAY TO 100 LBS. PER DAY**

**Effective July 16, 2002** Black Sea Bass possession limit will be dropped from 500 lbs. per day to 100 lbs. per day

Massachusetts DMF and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission have projected that at least 60% of the overall Quarter III quota (400,101 lbs.) will have been reached by July 15. Consequently, DMF has lowered the possession limit effective 0001 hours on July 16, 2002 from 500 lbs./day to 100 lbs./day for all commercial fishermen except authorized sea bass pot fishery permit holders may catch up to 700 lbs. per week. For enforcement purposes weekly limits shall apply to any 7-day period beginning Sunday and ending the following Saturday.

Once the entire 400,101 quota for Quarter III is reached, the fishery will be closed through the end of September. For more information, Contact DMF at 617-626-1520