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DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION:

SUSPENSION OF 2019 APRIL STATE-WATERS COMMERCIAL GROUND FISH CLOSURE

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c.30A, §3 and under the authority of G.L. c.130, §17A and 80, and 322 CMR §§ 8.05(2), 6.41(2)(d) and 7.01(7), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries with the approval of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, hereby declares:

1. The April Commercial Gulf of Maine Groundfish Closure, as set forth at 322 CMR 8.05(2), is hereby suspended for Calendar Year 2019.
2. Notwithstanding any other existing marine fishery law or regulation set forth at G.L. c. 130 or 322 CMR, during the period of April 1- April 30th commercial fishermen may fish for, retain and land regulated multi-species groundfish within those state-waters bounded by 42°00' north latitude to the south, 42°30' north latitude to the north and 70°30' west longitude to the east.

Dated: March 27, 2019

By: _____