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### **2013 STRIPED BASS COMMERCIAL QUOTA**

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Following a 15% quota overage in 2012, the Massachusetts commercial striped bass fishery will operate under a reduced quota of 997,869 pounds in 2013. The fishery will open on Sunday, July 14, 2013 and remain open until *MarineFisheries* projects the quota to have been harvested.

Commercial fishermen are authorized to take 30 striped bass per day that are 34 inches or larger on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. On Sundays, commercial fishermen may take 5 striped bass exceeding the 34 inch minimum size. A commercial striped bass permit endorsement is required. The commercial daily trip limits apply to the vessel regardless of how many permit holders are aboard.

Commercial fishermen are reminded that monthly trip-level reports are due no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month, even if permits were not fished. Striped bass taken under the authority of a commercial permit but kept for personal use must be reported as such. Failure to submit these reports for all months of the year in a timely manner may result in the non-renewal of your commercial permit and its endorsements in 2014. Trip level reports should be sent to DMF Statistics Project, 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930. Blank forms and instructions were mailed out prior to the beginning of the 2013 commercial fishing season and additional copies can be obtained through the *MarineFisheries* website: [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries).

For more information please visit our website or contact us at 617-626-1520. The full text of Massachusetts' striped bass regulations can be found at [322 CMR 6.07](#).