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DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION: SEASONAL FIXED GEAR CLOSURE RESCINDED

Pursuant to the requirements set forth at G.L. c.30A, §3 and under the authority of G.L. c.130, §17A and 80, and 322 CMR §§ 12.04(3) and 7.01(7), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries hereby rescinds its April 27, 2020 extension of fixed gear seasonal closures:

1. **Effective May 1, 2020, commercial and recreational fishermen may lawfully fish, set and store trap gear, including lobster traps, within those waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth in Cape Cod Bay south of 42° 08.42' north latitude and east of Cape Cod north of 41° 51.50' north latitude. The fishing, setting and storage of this gear shall comply with all commercial and recreational fishing regulations set forth at G.L. c. 130 and 322 CMR.**
2. **Effective May 1, 2020, commercial gillnet fishermen may lawfully fish, set and store gillnet gear, within those waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth in Cape Cod Bay south of 42° 08.42' north latitude and east of Cape Cod north of 41° 51.50' north latitude that are outside of the Gillnet Closure in Right Whale Critical Habitat and Cape Cod Bay, as set forth at 322 CM 12.04(1), which remains in effect through May 15, 2020. The fishing, setting, and storage of this gear shall comply with all commercial and recreational fishing regulations set forth at G.L. c. 130 and 322 CMR.**

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Effective Date