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Marine Fisheries Advisory

Commercial Tautog Spring Fishery to Close Effective Monday, May 9, 2016

The Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) is projecting the 18,131-pound commercial tautog spring allocation will be taken by midnight on Sunday, May 8, 2016. Accordingly, the commercial tautog spring fishery will close effective 0001 hours on Monday, May 9, 2016 ([Closure Notice](#)). The commercial tautog fishery will re-open on September 1, 2016 and will remain open until the remainder of the 2016 Massachusetts commercial tautog quota is caught. The overall 2016 commercial tautog quota is 57,985 pounds.

During the period of May 9, 2016 through August 31, 2016 it is illegal for any person to harvest, possess, or land tautog in a manner that does not comply with the recreational fishery limits of 3 fish per angler at a minimum size of 16 inches. In addition, dealers are reminded that it is unlawful to purchase tautog from a fisherman when the commercial fishery is closed.

For more information regarding tautog regulations, view [322 CMR 6.40](#) or contact *Marine Fisheries* staff at 617-626-1520.

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