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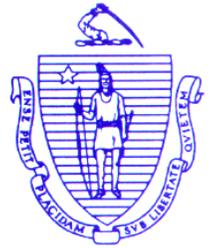
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FISHERY CLOSURE

COMMERCIAL TAUTOG FISHERY

The commercial spring tautog quota allocation, as established by 322 CMR §6.40(1)(f), is projected to be taken on Saturday, May 23, 2015. Accordingly, 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 322 CMR §§ 6.41(2)(c) and 7.01(7) the Acting Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries is enacting a commercial fishery closure for the Commonwealth's 2015 commercial spring tautog fishery effective 0001 hours on Sunday, May 24, 2015. The commercial tautog fishery will re-open on September 1, 2015.

During this interim period, 322 CMR §6.40(3) and (4)(b) prohibits any fisherman from possessing tautog for commercial purposes or in a quantity that exceeds the 3-fish recreational bag limit. Moreover, 322 CMR § 7.07(5)(b) prohibits any primary buyer from purchasing any tautog.

Dated: May 21, 2015

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