

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## **Division of Marine Fisheries**

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## DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION: SMALL MESH TRAWL SQUID FISHERY SEASON EXTENSION

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c. 30A, §3, and under the authority of G.L. c. 130, §§17A, 21 and 80 and 322 CMR §§4.06(5)(a)(2) and 7.01(7), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries hereby issues the following declaration to extend the small mesh trawl squid fishery:

- 1. During the period of June 10, 2019 through June 16, 2019, vessels fishing with net mesh that measures less than 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch may fish in those waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth within small mesh squid trawl exempted area, as described at 322 CMR 4.06(1).
- 2. All vessels fishing with or in possession of nets with a net mesh measuring less than 6 ½ inch shall not retain, possess or land more than 100 pounds of flounders.
- 3. All vessels participating in the exempted squid trawl fishery shall use net mesh measuring at least 1 7/8".
- 4. This declaration does not further exempt any fisherman from any other marine fishery laws or regulations set forth at G.L. c. 130 and 322 CMR.

These permit conditions do not further exempt you from any of the marine fishery laws and regulations set forth at G.L. c. 130 and 322 CMR.

Dated: June 7, 2019	By:	David Serce	_