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Marine Fisheries Advisory

July 4th Closed to Commercial Striped Bass Fishing

Please be aware that July 4th is a Closed Fishing Day for the commercial striped bass fishery. Accordingly, the commercial harvest, possession, sale or primary purchase of striped bass on Thursday, July 4, 2019 is prohibited.

The Open Fishing Days during the commercial striped bass season are generally Mondays and Thursdays. Last year, the Division of Marine Fisheries re-categorized July 3 and July 4— when they fall on a Monday or Thursday—and Labor Day (always a Monday) as Closed Fishing Days ([prior announcement of rule change](#)). The Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission approved this measure in response to requests to address boating congestion concerns during busy summer holidays.

The fishery opened on Monday, June 24th, and is expected to remain open for several more weeks. A fishery closure will be announced when 100% of the quota can be reliably projected as harvested.

For more information about striped bass management, review the striped bass regulations at [322 CMR 6.07](#); visit our webpage at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries; or contact DMF at 617-626-1520.