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## **Reminder: Commercial Striped Bass Fishery Closed on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>**

This is a reminder to all commercial striped bass fishers that the commercial striped bass fishery is closed on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, due to the Fourth of July holiday. During these closed days it is unlawful for any commercial fisher to retain, possess, or land striped bass, except if recreationally fishing whereby all activity must conform to the relevant recreational fishing rules. Recreational fishing rules include a 1-fish per angler daily bag limit, a 28" to less than 31" slot limit, a mandate to use circle hooks when fishing with natural baits, and the prohibition on gaffing. The commercial fishery will reopen on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> and will go back to its normal Monday – Wednesday schedule beginning on July 10.

If you have any questions, please contact DMF at [marine.fish@mass.gov](mailto:marine.fish@mass.gov) or visit [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries) for more information.