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REMINDER: COMMERCIAL STRIPED BASS FISHERY CLOSED ON JULY 3

This is a reminder to all commercial striped bass fishers that, due to the Independence Day holiday, the commercial striped bass fishery is closed on Wednesday, July 3. During any closed commercial fishing day, it is unlawful for any commercial fisher to retain, possess, or land striped bass, except if fishing recreationally whereby all activity must conform to the recreational fishing rules. Recreational striped bass rules include a 1-fish per angler bag limit, a 28" to less than 31" slot limit, a mandate to use inline circle hooks when fishing with natural baits (except when attached to an artificial lure), and a prohibition on gaffing. The commercial fishery will resume on Tuesday, July 9, at which point it will go back to its normal Tuesday and Wednesday open fishing day schedule.

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