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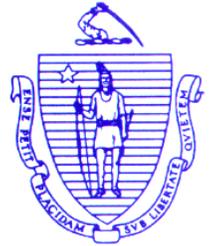
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DECLARATION OF FISHERY CLOSURE

2017 COMMERCIAL SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY

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 §§ 6.41(2)(c) and 7.01(7), the Commonwealth's 2016 commercial summer flounder quota, as established at 322 CMR § 6.22(1), is projected to be taken on Tuesday, July 18, 2017. In accordance with 322 CMR §6.22(2)(e), the commercial summer flounder fishery in Massachusetts is closed effective 0001 hours on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. The fishery will remain closed until Thursday, February 1, 2018. During this period, it shall be unlawful for any fisherman to possess or land summer flounder in a manner that does not conform with the recreational summer flounder limits at 322 CMR 6.22(4), or to offer for sale or sell any summer flounder. Additionally, pursuant to 322 CMR 7.07(5)(b), it is unlawful for seafood dealers, permitted in accordance with G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR §7.01(3) to purchase summer flounder from any fisherman during this closed period.

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