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### **NOTICE OF FISHERY CLOSURE:** **2022 COMMERCIAL STRIPED BASS FISHERY**

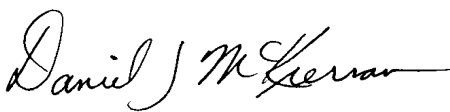
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Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements at G.L. c. 30A, §3 and under the authority of G.L. c. 130, §§ 17A, 21, and 80, and 322 CMR §§ 6.07(4), 6.41(2)(c), and 322 CMR 7.01(7), the Commonwealth's 2022 commercial striped bass quota, as established at 322 CMR §6.07(2) has been taken and the commercial striped bass fishery is closed effective immediately.

Unless otherwise notified, the commercial striped bass fishery will remain closed until Monday, June 19, 2023. During this period, it shall be unlawful for any fisherman to retain, possess, or land striped bass in any manner that does not conform with the recreational striped bass limits at 322 CMR §6.07(5), or to sell, barter, or exchange or offer for sale, barter, or exchange any striped bass. 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 any striped bass from any fisherman during this closed period. However, during the closed season seafood dealers may purchase striped bass from other seafood dealers, including the importation of this fish from other states, for processing or sale, provided the fish comply with all relevant striped bass tagging regulations at 322 CMR §6.07(6).

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