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DECLARATION OF FISHERY CLOSURE

2016 COMMERCIAL STRIPED BASS 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 striped bass quota, as established at 322 CMR § 6.07(2), is projected to be taken on Thursday, August 18, 2016. In accordance with 322 CMR § 6.07(7)(w) the commercial striped bass fishery in Massachusetts is closed effective 0001 hours on Friday, August 19, 2016 until the start of the 2017 commercial striped bass season, unless otherwise notified.

During this period, it shall be unlawful for any fisherman to possess or land striped bass in a manner that does not conform with the recreational striped bass limits at 322 CMR 6.07(5), or to offer for sale or sell any striped bass. Additionally, pursuant to 322 CMR 6.07(7)(z) and 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.

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