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FISHERY CLOSURE NOTICE

2015 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 2015 commercial striped bass quota, as established at 322 CMR § 6.07(2), is projected to have been taken on Thursday, August 20, 2015 and the 2015 commercial striped bass fishery is therefore closed effective 0001 hours on Friday, August 21, 2015 until the 2016 commercial fishery is opened. Pursuant to 322 CMR §§ 6.07(4)(b), (5) and (7)(m), it is unlawful for any person to possess striped bass in a manner that does not conform with the recreational striped bass limits or sell or offer for sale striped bass during this closed period. Additionally, pursuant to 322 CMR §§ 6.07(6)(e) and (7)(z), it is unlawful for seafood dealers, permitted in accordance with G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR § 7.01(3) to purchase striped bass from any fisherman during the closed period. However, during the closed period dealers may possess and offer for sale striped bass imported into the Commonwealth in accordance with 322 CMR § 6.07(6)(g).

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