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Labor Day Closed to Commercial Striped Bass Fishing

Please be aware that Labor Day is a Closed Fishing Day for the commercial striped bass fishery. Accordingly, the commercial harvest, possession, sale or primary purchase of striped bass on Monday, September 2, 2019 is prohibited.

The Open Fishing Days during the commercial striped bass season are generally Mondays and Thursdays. Last year, the Division of Marine Fisheries re-categorized July 3 and July 4— when they fall on a Monday or Thursday—and Labor Day (always a Monday) as Closed Fishing Days (prior announcement of rule change). The Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission approved this measure in response to requests to address boating congestion concerns, especially at boat ramps, during busy summer holidays.

For more information about striped bass management, review the striped bass regulations at <u>322</u> <u>CMR 6.07</u>; visit our webpage at <u>www.mass.gov/marinefisheries</u>; or contact DMF at 617-626-1520.