



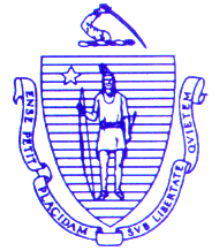
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### *Marine Fisheries Advisory*

## **Labor Day Closed to Commercial Striped Bass Fishing**

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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 3, 2018 is prohibited.

The Open Fishing Days during the commercial striped bass season are generally Mondays and Thursdays. Earlier this 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 during busy summer holidays. This year, July 3 and July 4 fell on a Tuesday and Wednesday and did not affect the schedule of open fishing days.

Reported commercial striped bass landings through August 29<sup>th</sup> total 546,658 pounds, or 64.5% of the annual quota. The fishery is projected to remain open for several more weeks, although changes in daily harvest rates will affect this projection. A fishery closure will be announced when 100% of the quota can be reliably projected as harvested.

For more information about striped bass management, review the striped bass regulations at [322 CMR 6.07](#); visit our webpage at [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries); or contact DMF at 617-626-1520.