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### **FISHERY CLOSURE NOTICE**

#### **2015 COMMERCIAL BLACK SEA BASS FISHERY**

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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 black sea bass quota, as established at 322 CMR § 6.28(6), is projected to be taken on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 and, in accordance with 322 CMR §6.28(4)(a)(6), the commercial black sea bass fishery in Massachusetts is closed effective 0001 hours on Thursday, September 3, 2015 until the 2016 commercial fishery is opened. During this period, it shall be unlawful for any commercial fisherman, authorized pursuant to G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR §§ 6.27(1), 7.01(2) and 7.01(4)(a), to possess black sea bass and for any dealer to conduct a primary purchase of any black sea bass, as established by 322 CMR §7.07(2) and (5)(b). In accordance with 322 CMR § 6.12(1) and (2)(b), it shall be unlawful to set, haul, tend or abandon black sea bass pots in the waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth from Sunday, September 6, 2015 until Saturday, July 30, 2016.

Dated: August 31, 2015

By: 