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FISHERY CLOSURE NOTICE

2016 COMMERCIAL BLACK SEA 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 black sea bass quota, as established at 322 CMR § 6.28(6), is projected to be taken on Sunday, September 4, 2016 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 Monday, September 5, 2016 until the 2017 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 Thursday, September 8, 2016 until Saturday, July 29, 2017, unless this regulation is otherwise amended.

Dated: August 31, 2016

By: _____