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DECLARATION OF FISHERY CLOSURE

2017 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 2017 commercial striped bass quota, as established at 322 CMR § 6.07(2), is projected to be taken on Thursday, August 31, 2017. In accordance with 322 CMR §§ 6.07(4)(a) the commercial striped bass fishery in Massachusetts is closed effective Friday, September 1, 2017.

The fishery will remain closed until Monday, June 25, 2018. During this period, it shall be unlawful for any fisherman to possess or land striped bass in a manner that does not conform with the recreational striped bass limits at 322 CMR § 6.07(5), or to offer for sale or sell striped bass. Additionally, pursuant to 322 CMR §§ 6.07(6)(a) and 7.07(5)(b) 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 this closed period.

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