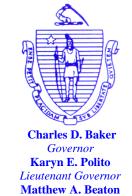


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DECLARATION TO ELIMINATE CLOSED COMMERCIAL FISHING DAYS DURING THE MAY 1 – OCTOBER 31 COMMERCIAL SCUP FISHERY

With the approval of the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission (MFC), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries (*MarineFisheries*) has issued a <u>Declaration</u> to allow commercial fishing for scup on Fridays and Saturdays. This change is effective on Friday, September 11, 2015 and will remain in effect through Saturday, October 31, 2015, and is designed to provide commercial fishermen with better access to the remaining annual May – October Massachusetts' commercial scup quota.

The complete text of Massachusetts commercial scup regulations can be found at 322 CMR 6.28 and more information regarding the management of scup in Massachusetts can be found on the *MarineFisheries* website:

www.mass.gov/marinefisheries