



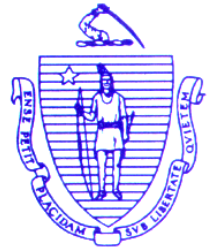
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### Statement of Permit Conditions: Adjustments to Commercial Striped Bass Open Fishing Days

The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), with the approval of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, has taken action to adjust commercial striped bass open fishing days. This action was taken to ensure that the 2018 commercial striped bass quota was harvested and fully utilized. Unless further amended, these limits shall remain in place until 100% of the 2018 commercial striped bass quota is taken and the commercial fishery is closed in accordance with 322 CMR §6.41(2)(c).

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority at, G.L. c. 130 §§ 2, 17A and 80 and 322 CMR §§6.41(2)(d) and 7.01(7), all commercial fisherman permits with regulated fishery permit endorsements for striped bass have been hereby conditioned to amend the commercial open fishing days described at 322 CMR §§6.07(1), (4) and (7):

- **Effective September 14, 2018 until the annual 2018 commercial striped bass quota is reached, the open commercial striped bass fishing days shall be Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.**
- **On any commercial fishing day, commercial fishermen who hold a commercial striped bass regulated fishery permit endorsement may fish for, possess and land striped bass in accordance with the commercial fishing limits set forth at 322 CMR 6.07(4).**

These permit conditions do not further exempt you from any of the marine fishery laws and regulations set forth at G.L. c. 130 and 322 CMR. Any violation of the above stated permit condition or marine fishery law or regulation is subject to the fines and penalties set forth at G.L. c. 130 §§ 2 and 80, G.L. c. 21A § 10H and 322 CMR 7.01(9). In addition, non-compliance may result in an administrative hearing to suspend or revoke your commercial fisherman permit.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter,

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