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George N. Peterson, Jr. FISHERY CLOSURE NOTICE

2015 COMMERCIAL BLUEFISH FISHERY

Commissioner **Mary-Lee King** Deputy Commissioner

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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 bluefish quota is projected to be taken on Friday, September 18, 2015 and the commercial bluefish fishery in Massachusetts is closed effective 0001 hours on Saturday, September 19, 2015 until 0001 hours on January 1, 2016. During this period, it shall be unlawful for any commercial fisherman, authorized pursuant to G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR § 7.01(2), to possess bluefish and for any dealer to conduct a primary purchase of any bluefish, as established by 322 CMR §7.07(2) and (5)(b).

Dated: September 16, 2015