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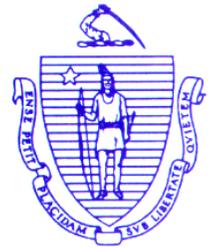
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September 18, 2017

### **Statement of Permit Conditions:**

#### **Adjustments to Commercial Black Sea Bass Trip Limits and Open Fishing Days**

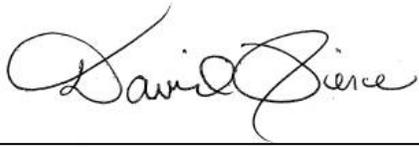
The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), with the approval of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, has taken action to adjust commercial black sea bass trip limits and open fishing days. This action was taken to ensure that the 2017 commercial black sea bass quota was harvested and fully utilized. Unless further amended, these limits shall remain in place until 100% of the 2017 commercial black sea 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 black sea bass or black sea bass pots have been hereby conditioned to amend the commercial fishery limits at 322 CMR §§6.28(2)(c)(4) and (5):

- **From September 18, 2017 until the annual 2017 commercial black sea bass quota is reached, commercial fishermen who hold a commercial black sea bass pot regulated fishery permit endorsement may fish for, possess and land black sea bass taken by black sea bass pot on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and shall not possess or land more than 400 pounds of black sea bass per day or trip, whichever is longer. During this period the possession and landing of black sea bass is prohibited on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays.**
- **From September 18, 2017 until the annual 2017 commercial black sea bass quota is reached, commercial fishermen who hold a commercial black sea bass regulated fishery permit endorsement may fish for, possess and land black sea bass taken by black sea bass pot on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and shall not possess or land more than 200 pounds of black sea bass per day or trip, whichever is longer. During this period the possession and landing of black sea bass is prohibited on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays.**

Any violation of the above stated permit condition 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), including but not limited to an administrative hearing to suspend or revoke your commercial fisherman permit.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David E. Pierce". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

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Effective Date