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DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION

SUMMER PERIOD (MAY 1 – OCTOBER 31) AND WINTER II COMMERCIAL SCUP LIMITS

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c.30A, §3 and under the authority of G.L. c.130, §§17A and 80, and 322 CMR §§ 6.28(6) and 7.01(7), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries, with the approval of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, makes the following Declaration affecting the commercial scup fishery:

1. For the remainder of the 2016 summertime period (May 1 – October 31) the commercial fishing limits have been adjusted. The following limits are effective immediately for all gear types:
 - a. Closed commercial fishing days have been eliminated. Commercial fishermen may now fish for, retain and land scup seven-days per week.
 - b. The commercial trip limit has been increased to 2,000 pounds. It shall be unlawful for any commercial fisherman to land scup in excess of this 2,000 pound limit per calendar day or trip, whichever period of time is longer.
2. The 2016 Winter II period (November 1 – December 31) commercial scup trip limits have been set. Effective November 1 through December 31, commercial fishermen may possess or land up to 18,000 pounds of scup per calendar day or trip, whichever period of time is longer.

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