



David E. Pierce
Director

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

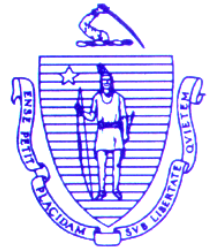
Division of Marine Fisheries

251 Causeway Street, Suite 400

Boston, Massachusetts 02114

(617)626-1520

fax (617)626-1509



Charles D. Baker
Governor

Karyn E. Polito
Lieutenant Governor

Matthew A. Beaton
Secretary

George N. Peterson, Jr.
Commissioner

Mary-Lee King
Deputy Commissioner

October 13, 2015

MarineFisheries Advisory

Commercial Tautog Fishery Closed Effective Wednesday, October 14, 2015

The Commonwealth's 2015 commercial tautog quota of 54,984 pounds is projected to be taken Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Accordingly, the 2015 Massachusetts commercial tautog fishery will close effective 0001 hours on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 ([Closure Notice](#)). During the quota closure and until the 2016 commercial tautog season opens, Massachusetts commercial fishermen are prohibited from possessing and landing tautog for commercial purposes and seafood dealers are prohibited from purchasing tautog from Massachusetts commercial fishermen.

Commercial fishermen are reminded that trip-level reports are due monthly by the fifteenth of the following month, even if their permit was not fished. Reports should be sent to DMF Statistics Project, 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930. Failure to submit these reports for all months of the year in a timely manner may result in the non-renewal of a commercial permit and its endorsements in 2016. Blank forms and instructions were mailed out prior to the beginning of the 2015 fishing season; additional copies can be obtained from the *MarineFisheries* website at: [Trip-Level Reporting](#).

For more information regarding tautog regulations, view [322 CMR 6.40](#) or contact *MarineFisheries* staff at 617-626-1520.

www.mass.gov/marinefisheries