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Commercial Tautog Fishery to Reopen on October 15, 2017

The commercial tautog fishery is being reopened by the Division of Marine Fisheries effective October 15, 2017 (<u>legal notice</u>). This will allow commercial fishermen to harvest and land the remaining 2017 quota. The fishery was previously closed on October 9, 2017 based on projections of landings from dealer reports, but a balance of approximately 6,000 pounds remains uncaught. The commercial fishery will reopen under status quo rules. Commercial fishing will be allowed seven days per week with a daily limit of 40-fish. The fishery will close again when 100% of the commercial tautog quota is projected to be taken.

To learn more about the commercial tautog fishery, please visit our website: www.mass.gov/marinefisheries