



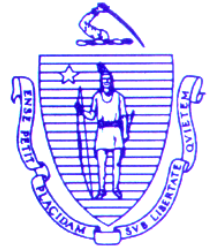
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### **FISHERY CLOSURE**

#### **COMMERCIAL TAUTOG FISHERY**

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The commercial tautog fall quota allocation, as established by 322 CMR §6.40(1)(c), is projected to be taken on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. 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 322 CMR §§ 6.41(2)(c) and 7.01(7), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries is enacting a commercial fishery closure for the Commonwealth's 2015 commercial tautog fishery effective 0001 hours on Wednesday, October 14, 2015.

Until the 2016 commercial spring season opens, 322 CMR §6.40(3) and (4)(b) prohibit any fisherman from possessing tautog for commercial purposes or in a quantity that exceeds the 3-fish recreational bag limit. Moreover, 322 CMR § 7.07(5)(b) prohibits any primary buyer from purchasing any tautog.

Dated: October 13, 2015

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