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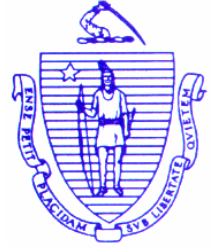
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

COMMERCIAL SCUP POSSESSION LIMIT INCREASED TO 4,000-LBS. ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

The Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) is increasing the commercial scup possession limit to 4,000-lbs. effective 0001 hours Friday, October 27th through the end of the summer/fall quota period that ends on October 31. Also the rule governing no-fishing days (Saturday and Sunday) will be lifted. This action will increase scup landings to improve the chances of the May-October commercial quota of 989,014-lbs. being reached. *Marine Fisheries* had increased the trip limit to 2,000-lbs. on September 20th (see *Marine Fisheries Advisory*), but to date, just over 80% percent of the Commonwealth's summer/fall quota has been harvested.

On November 1, the federally managed Winter II period opens and the trip limit will be 6,500 lbs. (see September 8th *Marine Fisheries Advisory*). By November, the fishery is predominately in offshore (federal) waters when scup migrate to deeper waters in response to dropping temperatures.

For further information please visit our website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries