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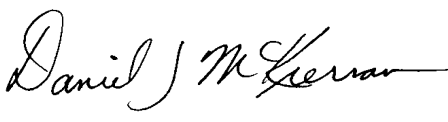
### NOTICE OF FISHERY CLOSURE

#### **2020 COMMERCIAL BLACK SEA BASS FISHERY**

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c. 30A, §3 and under the authority of G.L. c. 130, §§ 17A, 21 and 80 and 322 CMR §§ 6.41(2)(c) and 7.01(7), the Commonwealth's 2020 commercial black sea bass quota, as established at 322 CMR § 6.28(1), is projected to be taken on Monday, November 2, 2020. In accordance with 322 CMR §6.28(2)(c)(6), the 2020 commercial black sea bass fishery in Massachusetts will be closed effective Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

The 2020 commercial black sea bass fishery will remain closed through December 31, 2020. During this period, it shall be unlawful for any fisherman to possess or land black sea bass in a manner that does not conform with the recreational black sea bass limits at 322 CMR 6.28(3), or to offer for sale or sell any black sea bass. Additionally, pursuant to 322 CMR 7.07(5)(b), it is unlawful for seafood dealers, permitted in accordance with G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR §7.01(3) to purchase black sea bass from any fisherman during this closed period.

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By: 

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