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NOTICE OF FISHERY CLOSURE

2022 COMMERCIAL TAUTOG 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 2022 commercial tautog quota, as established at 322 CMR § 6.40(2), is projected to be taken on Sunday, October 30, 2022. In accordance with 322 CMR §6.40(5)(d), the 2022 commercial tautog fishery in Massachusetts will be closed effective 0001 hours on Monday, October 31, 2022.

The commercial tautog fishery will remain closed through August 31, 2023. During this period, it shall be unlawful for any fisherman to possess or land tautog in a manner that does not conform with the recreational tautog limits at 322 CMR 6.40(4), or to offer for sale or sell any tautog. 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 or receive tautog from any fisherman during this closed period.

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By: 

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