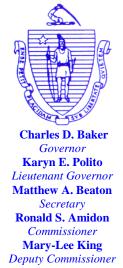


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DECLARATION TO ESTABLISH THE 2017 WINTER II SCUP TRIP LIMITS

With the approval of the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries has established by declaration the 2017 Winter II (November 1 – December 31) commercial scup limits (Declaration Notice and Permit Conditions). During this period, commercial fishermen may possess and land 18,000 pounds of scup per trip. This limit is designed to match the federal limit established by the National Marine Fisheries Service for the Winter II period and thereby allow commercial fishermen to possess and land legally caught fish in Massachusetts.

The complete text of Massachusetts commercial scup regulations can be found at 322 CMR 6.27 and more information regarding the management of scup in Massachusetts can be found on the *MarineFisheries* website:

www.mass.gov/marinefisheries