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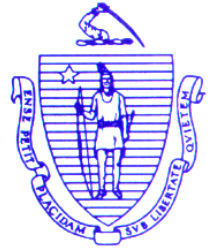
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Statement of Permit Conditions: Winter II Commercial Scup Trip Limits

The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), with the approval of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, has taken action to establish the state's possession and landing limits during the 2017 Winter II period (November 1 – December 31). 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. Unless further amended, these limits shall remain in place until 2359 hours on December 31, 2017 or until 100% of the federal Winter II scup quota is taken and the fishery is closed.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority at, G.L. c. 130 §§ 2, 17A and 80 and 322 CMR §§ 6.41(2)(d) and 7.01(7), all commercial fisherman permits with regulated fishery permit endorsements for scup have been hereby conditioned to establish the Winter II commercial scup fishery limits at 322 CMR §6.27(2)(e):

- **From 0001 hours on November 1, 2017 until 2359 hours on December 31, 2017 or until the 2017 Winter II commercial scup quota is reached, commercial fishermen who hold a commercial scup regulated fishery permit endorsement possess and land up to 18,000 pounds of scup per trip or calendar day, whichever period is longer.**

Any violation of the above stated permit condition is subject to the fines and penalties set forth at G.L. c. 130 §§ 2 and 80, G.L. c. 21A § 10H and 322 CMR 7.01(9), including but not limited to an administrative hearing to suspend or revoke your commercial fisherman permit.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter,

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November 1, 2017

Effective Date