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Marine Fisheries Advisory

**Commercial Tautog Fishery to close
effective thursday, october 14th**

The Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) has projected that 100% of the 2010 commercial tautog quota will be taken by Wednesday October 13, 2010. Consequently the commercial tautog fishery will close effective 0001 hours on Thursday, October 14, 2010.

In an ongoing effort to conserve and rebuild local tautog stocks, *Marine Fisheries* established a commercial tautog quota in 2007 with approval of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission. The 2010 commercial tautog quota is 64,753 lbs. Additionally, the spring period fishery beginning on April 16th was capped at 28% of the total with the remainder of the quota being applied to the fall fishing period.

Dealers are reminded that it is unlawful to purchase tautog from Massachusetts commercial fishermen when the fishery is closed. Quota totals and regulations can be monitored through the *Marine Fisheries* web site at: www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.