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### **Commercial Tautog Fishery to Reopen on November 6**

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The commercial tautog fishery will reopen on Friday, November 6, 2020 ([Legal Notice](#)). Previously, on October 28, 2020, DMF announced this fishery would close effective Tuesday, November 3, having projected the state's quota would be taken by that date ([Advisory](#)). However, catch rates were lower than projected over the past week due to inclement weather. Accordingly, about 9,000 pounds of the state's tautog quota remains available.

The requirement that commercial fishermen tag all tautog through the operculum with a state issued Tautog ID tag remains in place. Commercial fishermen who have returned their Tautog ID Tags to DMF, may contact the New Bedford office (508-990-2860) between the hours of 9AM and 3PM to determine how to obtain their tags.

For more information about the management of marine fisheries in Massachusetts, contact DMF at [marine.fish@mass.gov](mailto:marine.fish@mass.gov) or our website at [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries).