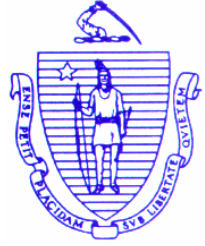




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Marine Fisheries Advisory

2005/2006 Northern Shrimp Season Set at 140 Days – December 12th – April 30th.

Marine Fisheries is issuing this final notice of northern shrimp fishery management measures approved by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries (ASMFC) Northern Shrimp Section and Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission. **The 2005/2006 northern shrimp fishery will open at 0001 hours on Monday, December 12, 2005 and close on Sunday, April 30, 2006**

Commercial fishermen are reminded of various gear restrictions (see 322 CMR 5.00), including a minimum mesh size of 1 ¾", required use of a Nordmore Grate System, as well as a prohibition on mechanical devices used to cull, grade, separate, or shake shrimp.

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