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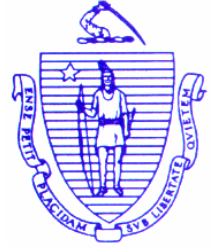
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

EMERGENCY ACTION TO MAINTAIN YELLOWTAIL COMMERCIAL POSSESSION LIMIT AT 250-LBS. PER 24-HOUR DAY EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1ST

Effective 0001 hours on December 1st, the Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) is taking emergency action to maintain the current 250-lb. commercial trip limit for yellowtail flounder harvested in waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth. This action establishes a year-round 250-lb commercial yellowtail trip limit in place of the previous seasonal 250/750-lb. split. This action is consistent with recent federal rule changes taken under Framework Adjustment 42 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. *Marine Fisheries* and the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission will be taking comments on this emergency action at public hearings on December 18th & 19th.

Public hearings scheduled for:

Monday, December 18, 2006 (6:30PM)
Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Station
(30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester)

Tuesday, December 19, 2006 (6:30PM)
Radisson Hotel - Plymouth Harbor
(180 Water St., Plymouth)

For further information please visit our website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries
or see hearing notice at
www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/marinefisheriesnotices/december_2006_hearing_notice_111606.pdf.