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PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT: 2022 WINTER I COMMERCIAL SCUP LIMIT

The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) is proposing to set the state's commercial scup possession and landing limit for the 2022 Winter I fishery (January 1–April 30) at 50,000 pounds. This is commensurate with the anticipated federal trip limit for this period. While scup are not typically available in these quantities in our state waters during the winter, this action will allow vessels fishing in other jurisdictions (e.g., federal waters) to land their lawfully caught scup in our ports.

DMF is accepting public comment on this proposal. Public comment will be accepted through 5PM on Monday, November 22, 2021. Written comment may be submitted to Director Daniel McKiernan by e-mail to marine.fish@mass.gov or by post to 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114. The Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission will vote on adopting this proposed 2022 Winter I scup limit at its December 2, 2021 business meeting.

For more information regarding the management of scup in Massachusetts, please visit our website (www.mass.gov/marinefisheries) or call DMF at 617-626-1520.