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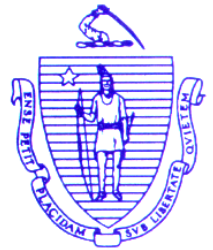
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### **DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION: 2018 WINTER I COMMERCIAL SCUP LIMITS**

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c.30A, §3 and under the authority of G.L. c.130, §17A and 80, and 322 CMR §§ 6.27(2)(e), 6.41(2)(d) and 7.01(7), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries with the approval of the Marine Fisheries Commission, hereby declares:

- 1. From 0001 hours on January 1, 2018 until 2359 hours on April 30, 2018 or until the 80% of the 10.82 million pound 2018 Winter I commercial scup quota allocation is taken, commercial fishermen who hold a commercial scup regulated fishery permit endorsement may possess and land up to 50,000 pounds of scup per trip or calendar day, whichever period is longer.**
- 2. When 80% of the 2018 Winter I commercial scup allocation is taken, the 2018 Winter I commercial scup possession and landing limit shall be reduced and commercial fishermen who hold a commercial scup regulated fishery permit endorsement may possess and land up to 1,000 pounds of scup per trip or calendar day, whichever period is longer.**
- 3. Notwithstanding the above, during the 2018 Winter I commercial scup period, commercial fishermen who hold a commercial scup regulated fishery permit endorsement and are fishing with trawl nets that have a minimum mesh size less than 5-inches diamond applied throughout the codend of the net for at least 75 continuous meshes forward of the terminus of the net shall not possess or land more than 1,000 pounds of scup per trip or calendar day, whichever period is longer.**

Dated: December 20, 2017

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