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DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION: 2019 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)(c), 6.41(2)(d) and 7.01(7), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries with the approval of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, hereby declares:

1. From 0001 hours on January 1, 2019 until 2359 hours on April 30, 2019 or until 80% of the 10.82 million pound 2019 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 2019 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 1,000 pounds of scup per trip or calendar day, whichever period is longer.
3. This action to set the 2019 Winter I scup possession and landing limits does not exempt the permit holder from any superseding state or federal regulations governing scup possession limits during the Winter I period for vessels fishing with nets that have less than 5-inches mesh applied throughout the codend of the net.

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