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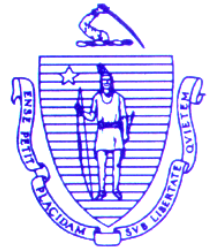
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### **DECLARATION OF FISHERY CLOSURE**

#### **2017 COMMERCIAL TAUTOG FISHERY CLOSURE**

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Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c. 30A § 3 and under the authority of G.L. c. 130 §§ 17A, 21 and 80 and 322 CMR §§ 6.41(2)(c) and 7.01(7), the Commonwealth's 2017 commercial tautog quota, as established at 322 CMR § 6.40(1), is projected to be taken on Sunday, October 8, 2017. In accordance with 322 CMR § 6.40(4)(d), the commercial tautog fishery in Massachusetts is closed effective 0001 hours on Monday, October 9, 2017. The fishery will remain closed until Saturday, September 1, 2018.

During this closed period, it shall be unlawful for any fisherman to possess or land tautog in a manner that does not conform with the recreational tautog limits at 322 CMR 6.40(3), or to offer for sale or sell any tautog. Additionally, pursuant to 322 CMR 7.07(5)(b), it is unlawful for seafood dealers, permitted in accordance with G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR § 7.01(3), to purchase tautog from any fisherman during this closed period.

Dated: October 6, 2017

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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