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Director's Declaration: Extension of Seasonal Vessel Speed Limits

Pursuant to the authority at G.L. c. 130, §17 and 80 and 322 CMR 12.05(4), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries hereby declares an extension of the seasonal vessel limit restriction to protect North Atlantic right whales.

1. From May 1, 2025 – May 15, 2025, it shall be unlawful for any vessel measuring less than 65' overall length and operating within the Cape Cod Bay Vessel Speed Restriction Area, as defined at 322 CMR 12.02, to travel at a speed of greater than 10 knots.
2. The exemptions set forth at 322 CMR 12.05(3) for inshore areas and enforcement and emergency personnel apply during this extension period.

Dated: April 29, 2025

By: 

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director