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**DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION:
SEASONAL SPEED LIMIT RESTRICTION EXTENSION**

Pursuant to the requirements set forth at G.L. c.30A, §3 and under the authority of G.L. c.130, §17(10) and 80, and 322 CMR §§ 12.05(4) and 7.01(7), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries hereby declares an extension of the seasonal speed limit restriction to protect North Atlantic right whales:

- 1. From May 1, 2021 through May 15, 2021, it shall be unlawful for any vessel measuring less than 65' overall length and operating within the waters of the Cape Cod Bay Speed Restricted Area to travel at a speed of greater than 10 knots. The Cape Cod Bay Speed Restricted Area is defined at 322 CMR §12.09 to include those waters of Cape Cod Bay south of 42° 08' north latitude and those waters north and east of Cape Cod west of 70° 10' west longitude.**
- 2. The exemptions set forth at 322 CMR 12.05(3) for vessels operating in inshore areas and enforcement and emergency personnel apply during this extension.**

Dated: April 30, 2021

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