



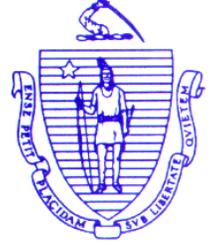
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### **COMMERCIAL STRIPED BASS FISHERY TO CLOSE AFTER SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2010**

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Current dealer reporting information indicates that the Commonwealth's 2010 commercial striped bass fishery quota (1,128,577 lbs.) will be reached by **Sunday, August 21, 2010**. Commercial fishermen may catch and land striped bass through **Sunday, August 21, 2010** but will be prohibited from landing fish for commercial purposes as of **00:01 hours on Monday, August 22, 2010** until the commercial fishery re-opens, in July of 2011.

Dealers are reminded that all striped bass imported into Massachusetts shall meet or exceed 34" through August 31st. After August 31st all striped bass imported into Massachusetts must be tagged designating the state of origin and shall meet or exceed the minimum size in place for the state of origin.

**Commercial fishermen are reminded that August, 2010 trip-level reports are due by September 15, 2010, even if the permit was not fished.** Please ensure that trip-level reports are received by *Marine Fisheries* no later than the deadline. **Failure to submit these reports in a timely manner may result in the non-renewal of a striped bass endorsement for 2011.** Take notice that beginning in 2010, monthly trip-level reports have taken the place of annual catch reports; annual striped bass catch reports no longer need to be provided to *Marine Fisheries*.

Trip level reports should be sent to DMF Statistics Project, 30 Emerson Ave, Gloucester, MA 01930.

Blank forms and instructions were mailed out prior to the beginning of the 2010 striped bass season, and additional copies can be obtained from the *Marine Fisheries* web site at:  
[http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/commercialfishing/trip\\_level.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/commercialfishing/trip_level.htm)

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