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MarineFisheries Advisory

LAST DAY OF COMMERCIAL SCUP FISHING MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST

The Division of Marine Fisheries (*MarineFisheries*) has projected that 100% of the Commonwealth's commercial scup quota for the summer/fall fishery will be taken by Monday, August 31, 2009. Consequently, commercial fishermen are prohibited from landing or possessing scup effective 0001 hours on Tuesday, September 1st.

Recreational fishermen are reminded that the scup recreational fishery will be closed beginning September 18 for anglers aboard for-hire vessels and beginning September 27 for anglers aboard private vessels or fishing from shore. Dealers are reminded that it is unlawful to purchase scup from Massachusetts commercial fishermen when the fishery is closed.

Quota totals and regulations can be monitored through the *MarineFisheries* web site at:
www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.