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DECLARATION OF FISHERY CLOSURE

2017 COMMERCIAL BLACK SEA BASS FISHERY

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 black sea bass quota, as established at 322 CMR § 6.28(1), is projected to be taken on Tuesday, October 3, 2017. In accordance with 322 CMR § 6.28(2)(c)(6), the commercial black sea bass fishery in Massachusetts is closed effective 0001 hours on Wednesday, October 4, 2017.

The fishery will remain closed until January 1, 2018. During this period, it shall be unlawful for any fisherman to possess, land, sell or offer for sale any black sea bass. 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 black sea bass from any fisherman during this closed period.

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