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FISHERY CLOSURE

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 and 322 CMR §§ 6.41(2)(c) and 7.01(7), the Commonwealth's 2014 commercial black sea bass quota, as established by 322 CMR §6.28(6), is projected to have been taken on Sunday, September 7, 2014. Therefore, in accordance with 322 CMR §6.28(4)(a)(6), the commercial black sea bass fishery in Massachusetts is closed from Monday, September 8, 2014 until the 2015 commercial fishery is opened. During this period, it shall be unlawful for any commercial fisherman, as established by 322 CMR §6.28(1), to possess black sea bass and for any dealer to conduct a primary purchase of any black sea bass, as established by 322 CMR §7.07(2) and (5)(b).

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