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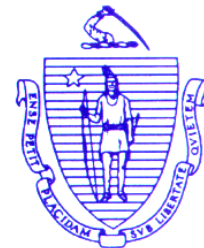
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*Marine Fisheries Advisory*

### **COMMERCIAL SCUP POSSESSION LIMIT INCREASED TO 2,000 POUNDS BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011**

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The Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) is increasing the commercial scup possession limit to 2,000 pounds for the remainder of July 1 – October 31 fishing season or until the quota is taken. The 2,000 pound trip limit will be effective at 0001 hours on Sunday, September 11, 2011.

As of September 3, 2011 dealer reports indicate the Commonwealth has landed 60% of 1,285,325 pound quota. This action will improve the probability of landing the remaining quota.

On November 1, 2011 the federally managed Winter II period fishery opens. DMF is proposing to adopt an 8,000 pound trip limit for this period, consistent with the federal trip limit. The Massachusetts' Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission will vote to approve this measure on October 13, 2011

More information can be found on the agency's website ([www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries)) or by contacting the agency by phone (617-626-1520) or email ([marine.fish@state.ma.us](mailto:marine.fish@state.ma.us)).