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**PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON SPECIFICATIONS TO:
AMEND THE MAY 1 – OCTOBER 31 COMMERCIAL SCUP LIMITS &
ESTABLISH THE 2014 WINTER II SCUP TRIP LIMITS**

Under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 30A and pursuant to the authority found in M.G.L. Ch. 130 §§ 17A & 80 and 322 CMR §§ 6.28(9)(d) & 7.01(7), the Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) is accepting comment on the following proposals:

- 1. Effective October 3, 2014 - for the remainder of the May 1 – October 31 commercial scup fishery - increase the commercial scup trip limit for all gear types to 2,000 lbs per day or per trip, whichever period is longer, and allow commercial scup fishing on Fridays and Saturdays.**
- 2. Establish the 2014 Winter II (November 1 – December 31) commercial scup trip limits at 18,000 pounds. This action will complement the federal commercial scup trip limit established by the National Marine Fisheries Service for this period.**

Public comments will be received until 5PM on Monday, September 29, 2014. Written comment may be submitted to the Director by e-mail to marine.fish@state.ma.us or by post sent to 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114.

The Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission will review all comment and vote to adopt these proposed specifications at their October 2, 2014 business meeting. If approved, the Director's Declaration will be published in a local newspaper, the Massachusetts Register, distributed via the *Marine Fisheries* Listserve and posted on the *Marine Fisheries* website.

For more information regarding the management of scup in Massachusetts, please visit our website (www.mass.gov/marinefisheries) or call the Division of Marine Fisheries at 617-626-1520.