



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### NOTICE OF FISHERY CLOSURE

#### **2023 COMMERCIAL STRIPED 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 2023 commercial striped bass quota, as established at 322 CMR § 6.07(2), has been taken. In accordance with 322 CMR §6.07(4)(a) and (b), the 2023 commercial striped bass fishery in Massachusetts will be closed effective immediately.

Unless otherwise notified, the commercial striped bass fishery will remain closed until it reopens in 2024. During this period, it shall be unlawful for any fisherman to retain, possess, or land striped bass in any manner that does not conform with the recreational striped bass limits at 322 CMR 6.07(5), or to offer for sale or sell any striped 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 striped bass from any fisherman during this closed period. However, dealers may purchase striped bass from dealers in other states and import this fish for processing or sale, provided the fish comply with all relevant striped bass tagging regulations at 322 CMR §6.07(6)(h).

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