



## State of New Jersey

### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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JON S. CORZINE  
*Governor*

LISA P. JACKSON  
*Commissioner*

March 14, 2008

Dear New Jersey Black Sea Bass Permit Holder:  
New Jersey Black Sea Bass Dealer:

As of March 3, 2008 the Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that approximately 125,695 pounds of black sea bass have been landed since the January 1 – April 15 directed season opened on January 1, 2008. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(h), the New Jersey directed black sea bass fishery will be closed as of 6:00 PM Tuesday, March 18, 2008.

Effective 6:01 PM, March 18, 2008 no vessel shall land or possess and no dealer shall accept any black sea bass in excess of the by-catch trip limit of 100 pounds through March 31, 2008 and 50 pounds from April 1 through April 15, 2008 or until such time as the seasonal by-catch is projected to be taken. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The directed black sea bass fishery will re-open on April 16, 2008 with a 1,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of three landings per week or 1,500 pound trip limit with a maximum of two landings per week. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Chanda".

David Chanda  
Director

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