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IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO: Directed and Non-Directed Fishery Tautog Permittees

RE: **Change in tautog commercial fishing seasons**

DATE: April 2, 2008

Be advised that the New Jersey commercial tautog seasons have changed as a result of a 25.6% reduction in exploitation mandated by Addenda IV and V to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Tautog. Failure to implement this reduction would have resulted in a moratorium on New Jersey's tautog fisheries on April 1, 2008.

For the fishing year, the open seasons for the tautog commercial fishery shall be from June 5 through June 30, 2008 and from November 1, 2008 through January 15, 2009.

The annual commercial tautog harvest quota for New Jersey remains at 103,000 pounds.

You previously received monthly reporting forms that must be submitted for the months or partial months of June, November and December 2008, and January 2009 when the commercial tautog season is open.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Peter Himchak at (609) 748-2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas W. McCloy".

Thomas W. McCloy, Administrator
Marine Fisheries Administrator