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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO: Directed and Non-Directed Fishery Tautog Permittees

RE: Commercial Tautog Annual Quota 2008, Current Seasons, and Reporting Requirements

DATE: January 16, 2008

As required by N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12 ( c )11, the Department shall notify the holders of New Jersey Directed and Non-Directed Fishery Tautog Permits of the annual quota no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of the year to which the quota applies.

**For 2008, the tautog harvest quota for New Jersey is 103,000 pounds.**

Consult N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12 ( c ) (enclosed) for a complete explanation of the commercial tautog fishery.

At the present time, the commercial tautog season, presently closed, is scheduled to re-open 0001 hours April 15, 2008 and later close effective 0001 hours, July 1, 2008. The commercial season is again scheduled to re-open 0001 hours on November 1, 2008 and continue through January 15, 2009.

**Be advised that the New Jersey commercial tautog seasons may change during 2008 as a result of a 25.6% reduction in exploitation mandated by Addendum V to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Tautog. Failure to implement this reduction may result in a moratorium on New Jersey's tautog fisheries. All tautog permit holders will be notified by first class mail when/if changes occur in the management of tautog in New Jersey in 2008.**

Enclosed are six (6) monthly reporting forms which must be submitted for the months or partial months of April, May, June, October, November and December 2008, and January 2009 when the commercial tautog season is presently scheduled to be open. Also enclosed is a map of statistical fishing areas so you can identify on the reporting forms the location where the commercial tautog harvest occurs.

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

Sincerely,

Peter J. Himchak, Acting Chief  
Bureau of Marine Fisheries

Enclosure(s)