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March 20, 2009

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

As of March 20, 2009 the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that approximately 83,771 pounds of black sea bass have been landed since the January 1 – April 15 directed season opened on January 1, 2009. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(h), the New Jersey by-catch black sea bass fishery will be closed as of 6:00 PM Tuesday, March 24, 2009. For similar reasons, the New Jersey directed black sea bass fishery was closed on March 10, 2009.

Effective 6:01 PM, March 24, 2009 no vessel shall land or possess and no dealer shall accept any black sea bass.

The directed black sea bass fishery will re-open on April 16, 2009 with a 500 pound trip limit with a maximum of two landings per week **OR** 1,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of one landing per week. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

David Chanda
Director