



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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David Chanda, Director

MARK N. MAURIELLO
Acting Commissioner

May 18, 2009

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

As of May 18, 2009 the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that approximately 28,654 pounds of black sea bass have been landed since the April 16 - June 30 directed season opened on April 16, 2009. 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 8:00 PM Thursday, May 21, 2009.

Effective 8:01 PM, May 21, 2009 no vessel shall land or possess and no dealer shall accept any black sea bass in excess of the by-catch trip limit of 50 pounds through June 30, 2009 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 July 1, 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,

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

David Chanda
Director

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