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## REVISED 2013 QUOTA AND TRIP LIMITS

April 17, 2013

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

As required by N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(h)8i, the Department must notify all New Jersey Black Sea Bass Permit Holders of the annual and seasonal quotas and trip limits. This letter shall serve as notice regarding the **REVISED** 2013 New Jersey commercial black sea bass **QUOTA**, seasons, and **TRIP LIMITS**.

In February, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board increased the 2013 black sea bass acceptable biological catch (ABC) from 4.5 million pounds to 5.5 million pounds, with a commercial quota of 2.17 million pounds on February 21, 2013. The 2013 preliminary New Jersey black sea bass commercial quota was 356,000 pounds. After the increase to the ABC, the resulting New Jersey commercial quota has increased to 434,000 pounds.

After allocating ten percent of the quota for by-catch landings as required by N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(h)8, the directed fishery quota for 2013 is 434,000 pounds. This quota is allocated through four seasons as follows:

Directed Season	Directed (pounds)	By-Catch (pounds)
January 1-April 15	151,553	16,839
April 16-June 30	80,464	8,940
July 1-September 30	52,731	5,859
October 1-December 31	105,853	11,761

Additionally, to account for the increase in quota and maximize commercial black sea bass opportunities the Marine Fisheries Council at its March 7, 2013 meeting approved modifying Season 1 and Season 2 trip limits. These changes were just approved by the Commissioner and are now in effect.

### **The changes to these seasonal trip limits are highlighted below.**

January 1 – April 15 **1500 lbs. x 2 trips per week or 3,000 lbs. x 1 trip per week**  
April 16 – June 30 **1,000 lbs. x 2 trips per week or 2,000 lbs. x 1 trip per week**

July 1 – Sept. 30      500 lbs. x 2 trips per week or 1,000 lbs. x 1 trip per week  
October 1 – Dec. 31   500 lbs. x 2 trips per week or 1,000 lbs. x 1 trip per week

Commercial seasons, quotas, openings, and closing information is available on the Division of Fish and Wildlife website at [www.njfishandwildlife.com/comquotas.htm](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/comquotas.htm).

If you have any questions, please call the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020 or 609-292-7794.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandon Muffley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Brandon Muffley, Chief  
Bureau of Marine Fisheries