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December 4, 2014

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

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that the Season 4 directed black sea bass quota of 132,234 pounds will be harvested by Monday, December 8, 2014. 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 6:00 PM, December 8, 2014.

Effective 6:01 PM, December 8, 2014, 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 December 31, 2014 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 2015 season 1 directed black sea bass fishery will re-open on January 1, 2015, with a directed trip limit of 1,000 pounds three times per two week period **or** 1,500 pounds twice per two week period **or** 3,000 pounds once per two week period. The first period shall begin on January 1, 2015 and end on January 17, 2015. Each two week period will run consecutively from Sunday to the second Saturday thereafter. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandon Muffley".

Brandon Muffley, Administrator
Marine Fisheries Administration