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December 9, 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 by-catch black sea bass quota of 11,761 pounds will be harvested by Saturday, December 13, 2014. 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, December 13, 2014.

Effective 6:01 PM, December 13, 2014, no vessel shall land or possess and no dealer shall accept any black sea bass through December 31, 2014.

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 black ink that reads "Brandon Muffley".

Brandon Muffley, Administrator  
Marine Fisheries Administration