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May 1, 2015

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 2015 Season 2 (April 16 – June 30) directed black sea bass quota of 85,166 pounds will be harvested by May 6, 2015. 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, Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

Effective 8:01 PM, Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 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, 2015, 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 3 directed black sea bass fishery will re-open on July 1, 2015, with directed trip limit options of 500 pounds six times a week, 1,000 pounds three times a week, or 3,000 pounds once a week. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

Brandon Muffley, Administrator  
Marine Fisheries Administration

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