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November 2, 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 4 (October 1-December 31) directed black sea bass quota of 115,000 pounds will be harvested by November 7, 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 6:00 PM, Saturday, November 7, 2015.

Effective 6:01 PM, Saturday, November 7, 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 December 31, 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 2016 Season 1 directed black sea bass fishery will re-open on January 1, 2016, with directed trip limit options yet to be finalized. A separate letter providing the 2016 quotas and trip limits will be sent in December. 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  
Marine Fisheries Administration

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