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November 9, 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 season 4 by-catch black sea bass quota of 11,994 pounds will be harvested by Thursday, November 12, 2015. 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, November 12, 2015.

Effective 6:01 PM, November 12, 2015, no vessel shall land or possess and no dealer shall accept any black sea bass through December 31, 2015.

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 black ink that reads "Brandon Muffley".

Brandon Muffley
Marine Fisheries Administration

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