



## State of New Jersey

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*Lt. Governor*

September 26, 2017

Dear Scup Moratorium Permit Holder:  
New Jersey Scup Dealer:

As determined by New Jersey's commercial scup landing records, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife anticipates the 2017 Summer (May - October) quota of 207,610 pounds will be landed by Thursday, September 28, 2017. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(k), the New Jersey scup fishery will be closed as of 11:59 PM Thursday, September 28, 2017.

Effective 12:00 AM, Friday, September 29, 2017, no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any dealer accept any scup landed in NJ and harvested from either federal or state waters.

The directed scup fishery will re-open on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 for the Winter II Season. At this time, the anticipated daily trip limit will be 18,000 pounds per trip. If the Winter II Season trip limit changes, a letter to that effect will be sent. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ Allen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Russ Allen  
Marine Fisheries Administration

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