



# State of New Jersey

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Governor

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Commissioner

December 17, 2007

Dear New Jersey Black Sea Bass Permit Holder:  
New Jersey Black Sea Bass Dealer:

As required by N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(h), the Department must provide public notice of black sea bass quotas and daily trip limits. This letter shall serve notice regarding the 2008 New Jersey commercial black sea bass quota and trip limits.

The preliminary 2008 black sea bass commercial quota allocated to New Jersey by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission is 401,153 pounds. After allocating ten percent of the quota for by-catch landings as required by N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(h)8, the directed fishery quota for 2008 is 361,038 pounds. This quota is allocated for four seasons as follows:

Directed Season	Directed (pounds)	By-Catch (pounds)
January 1-April 15	140,083	15,565
April 16-June 30	74,374	8,264
July 1-September 30	48,740	5,415
October 1-December 31	97,841	10,871

The daily trip limits and maximum weekly (Sunday to Saturday) landing days for the directed fishery for each season are listed below. If recent recommendations from the Marine Fisheries Council for revised 2008 trip limits are adopted, permit holders and dealers will be notified.

January 1 - April 15    2,500 pound daily trip limit

April 16 - June 30    1,500 pound trip limit with a maximum of three landings per week.

July 1 - Sept. 30    1,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of three landings per week.

October 1 - Dec. 31    1,500 pound trip limit with a maximum of three landings per week.

When the directed fishery is closed, no vessel shall land or possess any black sea bass in excess of the by-catch trip limit. By-catch landings of black sea bass may not exceed ten percent (10%) by weight of all species landed and sold with a maximum daily trip limit of 100 pounds from January 1 through March 31 or 50 pounds from April 1 through December 31.

New Jersey Black Sea Bass Dealers must provide daily reports during the period January 1 through April 15 and weekly (Sunday through Saturday) reports during the period April 16 through December 31 to the Division of Fish and Wildlife listing the amount of black sea bass landed on a daily basis by vessel and gear type. Reports must be filed electronically on the Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System (SAFIS) **OR** faxed to the Division at the number specified on the reporting form no later than 10:00 AM on the following day for daily reports and 12:01 PM on Monday following the week's end. If no landings occurred, a report to that effect is required. **If a dealer is reporting electronically through SAFIS, a faxed report is not required.**

In addition, any vessel participating in the directed black sea bass fishery must call the Marine Enforcement Office at 609-748-2050 at least two (2) hours prior to off loading and any such off loading may occur only between the hours of 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM from November 1 through April 30 and between 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM from May 1 through October 31.

Commercial seasons, quotas, openings and closing information is available on the Division of Fish and Wildlife website at [www.njfishandwildlife.com/comquotas.htm](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/comquotas.htm)

If you have any questions, please call the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020 or 609-292-7794.

Sincerely,

Thomas McCloy, Administrator  
Marine Fisheries Administration