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Acting Commissioner

March 18, 2010

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

The New Jersey Division Fish and Wildlife has determined that the Season 1 directed black sea bass quota of 122,821 pounds will be harvested by March 23, 2010. 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, March 23, 2010.

Effective 6:01 PM, March 23, 2010, no vessel shall land or possess and no dealer shall accept any black sea bass in excess of the by-catch trip limit of 100 pounds through March 31, 2010 and 50 pounds from April 1, 2010 through April 15, 2010 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 directed black sea bass fishery will re-open on April 16, 2010, with a 500 pound trip limit with a maximum of two landings per week OR 1,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of one landing per week. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Chanda".

David Chanda
Director

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