



## State of New Jersey

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Acting Commissioner

May 13, 2009

Dear Pound Net License Holder:  
Federal Bluefish Dealer:

As of May 13, 2009 the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that the quota allocated to the commercial POUND NET fishery has been harvested. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(b), the **New Jersey commercial POUND NET bluefish fishery will be closed** as of 11:59 PM, Sunday, May 17, 2009.

Effective 12:00 AM, May 18, 2009, no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any dealer accept any bluefish harvested through the use of commercial POUND NET through December 31, 2009. The commercial POUND NET bluefish fishery will re-open on January 1, 2010.

**Be advised**, the Pound Net quota has been met as of May 13, 2009. Any subsequent fishing occurring between May 13, 2009 and May 17, 2009 when the closure is implemented will result in a Pound Net quota allocation overage. Any overage from a previous annual quota will be deducted from the following years gear allocation in which the overage occurred.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

David Chanda  
Director

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