



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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July 15, 2009

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

As of July 15, 2009 the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that approximately 2,737 pounds of black sea bass by-catch quota will have been landed since the Season 3 (July 1 - September 30) directed season closed on July 5, 2009. 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 8:00 PM, July 19, 2009.

Effective 8:01 PM, July 19, 2009 no vessel shall land or possess and no dealer shall accept any black sea bass.

The directed black sea bass fishery will re-open on October 1, 2009 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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