



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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October 16, 2009

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

As of October 16, 2009 the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that approximately 36,579 pounds of black sea bass will have been landed since the October 1 - December 31 directed season opened on October 1, 2009. 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 8:00 PM October 24, 2009.

Effective 8:01 PM, October 24, 2009 no vessel shall land or possess and no dealer shall accept any black sea bass in excess of the by-catch trip limit of 50 pounds through December 31, 2009 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 January 1, 2010 with a 500 pound trip limit with a maximum of seven landings per week OR 1,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of three landings per week. If revised 2010 trip limits are adopted, permit holders and dealers will be notified. 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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