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Dear Scup Moratorium Permit Holder:
New Jersey Scup Dealer:

This letter is to advise all Federal Scup Moratorium Permit holders and New Jersey scup dealers of changes to the 2012 Winter I season trip limits. These changes were developed due to the increased Annual Catch Target (ACT) for 2012. For the 2012 scup fishery, the coastwide commercial quota has been set at 31.89 million pounds.

For 2012, the Winter I (January 1-April 30) commercial scup trip limit has increased with landings not to exceed 50,000 pounds during any one trip with a maximum of 7 trips per week. The 2011 Winter I trip limit was 30,000 pounds during any one-week period.

Additionally, the New Jersey Summer Period (May 1 through October 31) commercial trip limit will remain at 5,000 pounds per trip with a maximum of seven trips 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 that reads "Brandon Muffley".

Brandon Muffley, Chief
Bureau of Marine Fisheries