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Dear New Jersey Directed and Non-Directed Tautog Permit Holder:

As required by N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(c)11vi, the Department must notify all New Jersey Tautog Permit holders of the annual season allocations. This letter shall serve as notice regarding the **REVISED** 2012 New Jersey commercial tautog quota, seasons, and size limits.

At the January 5, 2012 New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council Meeting, the Marine Fisheries Council approved revised seasons and size limits to achieve the required 53% reduction in harvest by the commercial and recreational fishery as required by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, Addendum VI of the Tautog Fishery Management Plan. DEP Commissioner Martin signed these regulatory measures into effect on January 25, 2012.

The **REVISED** 2012 commercial tautog fishery will be open from January 1 through January 15, June 22 through June 30, and November 9 through December 31. The commercial size limit was increased from 14 inches to 15 inches. The annual commercial tautog quota remains at 103,000 pounds. The commercial tautog fishery is closed during all other periods.

Commercial seasons, quotas, opening, and closing information is available on the Division of Fish and Wildlife website at <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/comquotas.htm>.

If you have any questions, please call the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020 or 609-292-7794.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandon Muffley".

Brandon Muffley, Chief  
Bureau of Marine Fisheries