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February 1, 2017

Dear New Jersey Black Sea Bass Permit Holder:

New Jersey Black Sea Bass Dealer:

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that the 2017 Season 1 (January 1 – February 28) directed black sea bass quota of 107,316 pounds will be harvested by February 4, 2017. 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 6:00 PM, Saturday, February 4, 2017.

Effective 6:01 PM, Saturday, February 4, 2017, no vessel shall land or possess and no dealer shall accept any black sea bass in excess of the by-catch trip limit of 100 pounds through February 28, 2017, 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 2017 Season 2 directed black sea bass fishery will re-open on March 5, 2017, with a directed trip limit of 500 pounds three times per two-week period, 750 pounds two times per two-week period, or 1,500 pounds one time per two-week period. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

Russ Allen

Marine Fisheries Administration

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