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November 13, 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 6 (November- December) directed black sea bass quota of 136,798 pounds will be harvested by Thursday, November 16, 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, Thursday, November 16, 2017.

Effective 6:01 PM, Thursday, November 16, 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 50 pounds through December 31, 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 2018 Season 1 black sea bass fishery will re-open on January 1, 2018, with trip limit options yet to be finalized. A separate letter providing the 2018 quotas and trip limits will be sent in December. 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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