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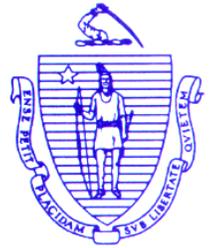
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PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON SPECIFICATIONS TO ESTABLISH THE 2015 WINTER I SCUP TRIP LIMITS

Under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 30A and pursuant to the authority found in M.G.L. Ch. 130 §§ 17A & 80 and 322 CMR §§ 6.28(9)(d) & 7.01(7), the Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) is accepting comment on the following proposals:

- 1. Establish the 2015 Winter I (January 1 – April 30) commercial scup trip limit at 50,000 pounds. This action will complement the federal commercial scup trip limit, established by the National Marine Fisheries Service, for this period and allow lawfully permitted commercial fishermen to possess and land legal quantities of scup in Massachusetts.**

Public comments will be received until 5PM on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. Written comment may be submitted to the Director by e-mail to marine.fish@state.ma.us or by post sent to 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114.

The Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission will vote to adopt these proposed specifications at by electronic/fax poll. If approved, the Director's Declaration will be published in a local newspaper, the Massachusetts Register, distributed via the *Marine Fisheries* Listserve and posted on the *Marine Fisheries* website.

For more information regarding the management of scup in Massachusetts, please visit our website (www.mass.gov/marinefisheries) or call the Division of Marine Fisheries at 617-626-1520.