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June 17, 2008

Dear Scup Moratorium Permit Holder:
New Jersey Scup Dealer:

This letter is to advise all scup moratorium permit holders and scup dealers that NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service projected that the Federal Summer Period (May through October) commercial quota for the scup fishery will be fully harvested. The NMFS has therefore closed the fishery effective June 16, 2008. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(k), the New Jersey scup fishery will be closed as of 8:00 PM Monday, June 16, 2008.

Effective 8:01 PM, June 16, 2008 no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any dealer accept any scup landed in NJ and harvested from either federal or state waters.

The directed scup fishery will re-open on November 1, 2008 for the Winter II Season. At the time of this letter, the anticipated daily trip limit will be 3,500 pounds per day with a maximum of 2 landings per week. If the Winter II Season trip limit changes, a letter to that effect will be sent. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Chanda" followed by a flourish.

David Chanda
Director

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