



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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JON S. CORZINE
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Acting Commissioner

October 16, 2009

Dear Gill Net License Holder:
Federal Bluefish Dealer:

As of October 16, 2009 the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that the quota allocated to the commercial GILL NET fishery (878,575 lbs.) has been harvested. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(b), the **New Jersey commercial gill net bluefish fishery will be closed** as of 11:59 PM, Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

Effective 12:00 AM, October 22, 2009 no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any dealer purchase any bluefish harvested by gillnet through December 31, 2009. The commercial gill net fishery for bluefish will re-open on January 1, 2009. The recreational fishery is unaffected by this commercial closure. Dealers may still purchase bluefish harvested by Otter Trawl or Purse Seine.

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".

David Chanda
Director

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