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Dear New Jersey Directed and Non-Directed Tautog Permit Holder:

As required by N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(c)11vi, the Department must notify all New Jersey Tautog Permit holders of the annual season allocations. This letter shall serve as notice regarding the 2016 New Jersey commercial tautog quota and seasons.

The 2016 commercial tautog annual quota is 103,000 pounds and is open from January 1 through January 15, June 11 through June 30, and November 9 through December 31. The commercial tautog fishery is closed during all other periods. The minimum size limit remains at 15 inches.

Beginning in 2016, new trip-level reporting forms will be required for submission of harvest activity for the months or partial months of January, June, November and December when the commercial tautog season is currently open (i.e., 2016 seasons). These new reporting forms with complete instructions will be available in 2016. Harvest activity for December, 2015 may be submitted using the current reporting form. Enclosed with this letter is a map of statistical fishing areas so you can identify on the reporting forms the location where the commercial tautog harvest occurs. Reporting forms must be submitted no later than five working days following the end of the reported month or partial month. If no commercial harvest trips were taken during the month or partial month, a report to that effect shall be required. Online harvest reporting is also available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandon Muffley".

Brandon Muffley, Administrator
Marine Fisheries Administration

Enclosure