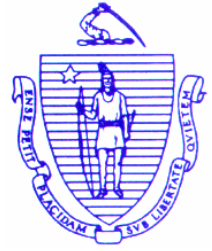




**Paul J. Diodati**  
*Director*

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts*  
**Division of Marine Fisheries**  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 400  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 626.1520  
Fax (617) 626.1509



**July 31, 2006**

**Marine Fisheries Advisory**

---

**COMMERCIAL BLACK SEA BASS SEASON RE-OPENS AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>**

---

Effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, the 2006 commercial black sea bass fishery will re-open at a 500-lb. possession limit in the directed sea bass pot fishery and weir fishery, a 100-lb. possession limit in the commercial lobster trap fishery, and a 200-lb. possession limit for all other gear types. The fishery has been closed since June 13<sup>th</sup> when the Division of Marine Fisheries projected that 50% of the 2006 annual black sea bass quota would have been reached by Monday, June 12, 2006. Fishermen are reminded that the landing and/or possession of black sea bass on Fridays and Saturdays is prohibited.

For further information including quota totals and regulations please visit the *Marine Fisheries* web site at: [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries).