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SUBJECT: Regulation filing

Amendments were filed on October 25, 2011. In summary, the changes are as follows:

10/25/11

PART III - MARINE FISHERIES COUNCIL

3.2.1 - This action **INCREASES** the possession limit for the **general category commercial scup** fishery and the **commercial scup floating fish trap** fishery to 8,000 lbs/vessel/calendar day beginning 12:01 AM on November 2, 2011. This action sets the commercial possession limit for **summer flounder** to 600 lbs/vessel/calendar day, and **ends** the summer flounder aggregate landing program beginning 12:01 AM on November 1, 2011. This action **DECREASES** the commercial possession limit for **black sea bass** to 50 lbs/vessel/calendar day, beginning 12:01 AM on November 2, 2011, and this action also **CLOSES** the commercial **striped bass floating fish trap** fishery beginning 12:01 AM on October 28, 2011, and **CLOSES** the commercial **menhaden** fishery beginning 12:01 AM on October 28, 2011. [This regulation becomes effective upon filing].

For a Summary of Changes to the RI Marine Fisheries Regulations, when posted, click here:
<http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/fishwild/fishamnd.htm>

The regulations can be viewed in their entirety when posted at the DEM/DFW Marine Fisheries web site.
<http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/fishwild/rimftoc.htm>