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SUBJECT: Regulation filing

Several amendments were filed on April 11, 2013. In summary, the changes are as follows:

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PART VII - MINIMUM SIZES OF FISH/SHELLFISH

7.7.4, 7.11.4, 7.11.4-4, and 7.14.2- These actions **AMEND** the recreational management plans for **summer flounder**, **black sea bass**, and **scup**, including adding section 7.11.4-4 which establishes a recreational scup experimental shore mode for specific areas. [These regulations become effective on May 1, 2013].

PART III - MARINE FISHERIES COUNCIL

3.2.1 - This action **DECREASES** the commercial possession limit for **summer flounder** to **1,000 pounds per vessel per calendar week** with a summer flounder aggregate landing permit or **200 pounds per vessel per calendar day**, this action also **DECREASES** the commercial possession limit for **black sea bass** to **200 pounds per vessel per calendar day**, beginning 12:01 AM on April 14, 2013. [This regulation amendment becomes effective upon filing].

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

As well, the Director's decision memo on these actions can be viewed at the following web address:
<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/fishwild/dirdecsn.htm>