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MEMORANDUM

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To: Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board
From: Kirby Rootes-Murdy, Senior FMP Coordinator
RE: Final 2016 Black Sea Bass recreational harvest estimates

Below are final 2016 Black Sea Bass Recreational Harvest estimates from the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP). The final harvest estimates were released to the public yesterday afternoon (May 8th) and indicate that coastwide harvest in 2016 was approximately 5.18 million pounds, exceeding the 2016 recreational harvest limit (RHL) (2.82 million pounds) by 2.36 million pounds and above the updated 2017 RHL of 4.29 million pounds by approximately 890,000 pounds. To achieve the 2017 RHL would require approximately 17.3% reduction from 2016 harvest. The two tables below show annual harvest (table 1) as well as harvest by wave (table 2).

Table 1. 2016 Black Sea Bass Final Harvest Estimates by State in pounds

State	Harvest
MASSACHUSETTS	891,441
RHODE ISLAND	564,370
CONNECTICUT	914,015
NEW YORK	2,211,292
NEW JERSEY	398,482
DELAWARE	31,938
MARYLAND	103,996
VIRGINIA	70,185
NORTH CAROLINA	1,249
Coastwide Total	5,186,968

Table 2. 2016 Black Sea Bass Final Harvest Estimates by State by Wave in pounds

State	Wave						Harvest
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
MASSACHUSETTS			400,847	444,310	46,284		891,441
RHODE ISLAND			14,135	265,122	241,846	43,267	564,370
CONNECTICUT			276,187	490,903	142,818	4,107	914,015
NEW YORK			0	1,059,228	387,193	764,871	2,211,292
NEW JERSEY		0	206,937	75,135	10,005	106,405	398,482
DELAWARE			12,351	9,984	2,314	7,289	31,938
MARYLAND		0	19,866	17,877	57,884	8,369	103,996
VIRGINIA		2	6,912	55,411	7,019	841	70,185
NORTH CAROLINA	31	364	441	199	0	214	1,249
Coastwide Total	11	296	937,676	2,418,169	895,363	935,363	5,186,968