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NOTICE TO BLACK SEA BASS CHARTER/PARTY PERMIT HOLDERS

This is to clarify current Federal regulations governing the black sea bass recreational fishery in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), and for Federal black sea bass charter/party permit holders. Because the 2002 black sea bass recreational specifications have not yet been implemented, the existing regulations remain in effect. The existing recreational regulations include: A Federal closure through May 9; a 25-fish per person bag limit; and an 11-inch minimum fish size. Federal charter/party permit holders will be notified of the effective date of implementation of any new regulations.

