

Larry Hogan, Governor Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor Mark Belton, Secretary Joanne Throwe, Deputy Secretary

April 8, 2016

Dear Commercial Striped Bass Permit Holder,

This letter is a reminder that a striped bass permit holder may not harvest their commercial striped bass allocation while conducting a charter with paying customers; a <u>commercial fishing trip and a charter fishing trip may not be be combined (COMAR 08.02.05.02[J]). There is a \$450 fine for this violation.</u> This applies to both the individual transferable quota (ITQ) fishery; as well as the common pool (CP) fishery. During a commercial striped bass fishing trip, the vessel must display a flag and the tags must be onboard the vessel.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email at ChristopherM.Jones@maryland.gov or over the phone at 410-260-8293. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Chris Jones Permits Coordinator Maryland DNR Fisheries Service