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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to extending the authority of the department of environmental conservation to manage blackfish

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 13-0340-d of the environmental  
2     conservation law, as amended by chapter 88 of the laws of 2011, is  
3     amended to read as follows:  
4     1. The department may, until December thirty-first, two thousand  
5     [fourteen] SIXTEEN, fix by regulation measures for the management of  
6     blackfish (*Tautoga onitis*), including size limits, catch and possession  
7     limits, open and closed seasons, closed areas, restrictions on the  
8     manner of taking and landing, requirements for permits and eligibility  
9     therefor, recordkeeping requirements, requirements on the amount and  
10    type of fishing effort and gear, and requirements relating to transpor-  
11    tation, possession and sale, provided that such regulations are no less  
12    restrictive than requirements set forth in this chapter and provided  
13    further that such regulations are consistent with the compliance  
14    requirements of applicable fishery management plans adopted by the  
15    Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and with applicable  
16    provisions of fishery management plans adopted pursuant to the Federal  
17    Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. S 1800 et seq.).  
18    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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