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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 bluefish

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

1 Section 1. Section 13-0340 of the environmental conservation law, as 2 amended by chapter 429 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as 3 follows:

4 S 13-0340. Bluefish (Pomatomus saltatrix).

The department may, until December thirty-first, two thousand [four-6 teen] SIXTEEN, fix by regulation measures for the management of bluefish (Pomatomus saltatrix), including size limits, catch and possession 7 8 limits, open and closed seasons, closed areas, restrictions on the 9 manner of taking and landing, requirements for permits and eligibility 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 13 restrictive than requirements set forth in this chapter and provided further that such regulations are consistent with the compliance 14 requirements of applicable fishery management plans adopted by the 15 16 Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and with applicable 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

19 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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