

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND PROPOSED FORFEITURE; NOTICE OF SALE

TAKE NOTICE:

Case No.: NE2103813

On June 16, 2021, at or near the Southwest Ledge off Block Island, RI, duly authorized officers seized approximately sixty-six (66) lbs of Atlantic striped bass from *F/V Reel Screamer* for violation of federal law, including the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act.

The seized property, being perishable, was sold for \$283.80, the proceeds of which are subject to forfeiture to the United States under 16 U.S.C. § 3374, and are being held by NOAA. *See* 15 C.F.R. § 904.505.

Notice is hereby given that NOAA is commencing forfeiture proceedings against the above-described property.

Any person claiming an interest in the above described property must file a claim within 30 days after the date of final publication of this notice. Said claim must be filed with the NOAA Office of General Counsel, Enforcement Section: Attn: Scott E. Sakowski, 55 Great Republic Drive, Suite 02-400, Gloucester, MA 01930. Such claim must be received by the above office on or before August 27, 2021, (30 days following the date the final Notice is published in accordance with 15 C.F.R. § 904.504).

Said claim must: (1) identify the specific property being claimed; (2) state the claimant's interest in such property (and provide documentary evidence of such interest if available) and state that the claim is not frivolous; and (3) be made under oath, subject to penalty of perjury.

If a proper claim is not received by that date, the property will be declared forfeited to the United States and disposed of according to law. If the claim is timely filed, the matter will be referred to the U.S. Attorney to institute forfeiture proceedings in a U.S. District Court.

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NOAA Office of General Counsel,
Enforcement Section

DATES OF PUBLICATION: July 8, 2021

PLACE OF PUBLICATION: 1) National Marine Fisheries Service Enforcement
Office, Hastings Keith Federal Building, 53 North 6th
Street, New Bedford, MA 02740
2) United States District Court for the District of Rhode
Island, 1 Exchange Terrace, Providence, RI 02903