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**A Statement from House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo**

“Secretary Locke’s decision is a serious blow to Massachusetts fishermen and their families. In these difficult times, it’s particularly important that we support the growth of the fishing industry in the Commonwealth and I will support efforts to protect the livelihood of Massachusetts fisherman and their families.”