UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

MASSACHUSETTS LOBSTERMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

V.

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE,) GINA RAIMONDO, in her official capacity as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce, JANET COIT, in her official capacity as Assistant Administrator of NOAA Fisheries,

Defendants.

YOUNG, D.J. March 15, 2024

JUDGMENT

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After careful consideration, the Court has determined and therefore declares that the Final Wedge Closure Rule violates the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, H.R. 2617, through December 31, 2028. The Final Wedge Closure Rule is therefore void and unenforceable during that period. Final judgment is entered in favor of the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association.

SO ORDERED.

/s/ William G. Young WILLIAM G. YOUNG DISTRICT JUDGE

CIVIL ACTION

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