



# State of New Jersey

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*Governor*

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*Commissioner*

December 17, 2007

Dear New Jersey Summer Flounder Permit Holder:

New Jersey Summer Flounder Dealer:

As required by N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the Department must notify all New Jersey Summer Flounder Permit holders of the annual commercial quota. This letter shall serve as notice regarding the 2008 New Jersey commercial summer flounder quota.

The preliminary 2008 summer flounder commercial quota allocated to New Jersey is 1,485,493 pounds based on coastwide total allowable landings of 15.77 million pounds. If the National Marine Fisheries Service adopts coastwide total allowable landings different than 15.77 million pounds the seasonal quotas below will be adjusted. After allocating ten percent, but not more than 200,000 pounds, of the quota for by-catch landings as required by N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i)2, the directed fishery quota for 2008 is 1,336,944 pounds. This quota is allocated for six seasons as follows:

Directed Season	Directed (pounds)	By-Catch (pounds)
January 6-February 29	374,344	41,594
March 2-April 30	147,064	16,340
May 4-June 30	140,379	15,598
July 6-August 31	140,379	15,598
September 7-October 31	387,714	43,079
November 2-December 31	147,064	16,340

The daily trip limits and maximum weekly (Sunday to Saturday) landing days for the directed fishery for each season are listed below. If recent recommendations from the Marine Fisheries Council for revised 2008 trip limits are adopted, permit holders and dealers will be notified.

Jan-Feb            7,500 pound trip limit with a maximum of two landings per week

Mar-Apr           1,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of five landings per week

May-June           500 pound trip limit with a maximum of five landings per week

July-Aug            500 pound trip limit with a maximum of five landings per week

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Sept-Oct        1,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of four landings per week  
                    OR  
                    4,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of one landing per week

Nov-Dec        1,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of five landings per week

When the directed fishery is closed, no vessel shall land or possess any summer flounder in excess of the by-catch trip limit. By-catch landings of summer flounder may not exceed ten percent (10%) by weight, of all species landed and sold with a maximum daily trip limit of 100 pounds from May 1 through October 31 or 200 pounds from November 1 through April 30.

All New Jersey Summer Flounder Dealers must provide daily reports during the period January 1 through February 28 and weekly (Sunday to Saturday) reports during the period March 1 through December 31 to the Division of Fish and Wildlife listing the amount of summer flounder landed on a daily basis by vessel and size category. Reports must be filed electronically through the Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System (SAFIS) **OR** faxed to the Division at the number specified on the reporting form no later than 10:00 AM on the following day for daily reports and 12:01 PM on Monday following the week's end for weekly reports. If no landings occurred, a report to that effect is required. **If a dealer is reporting electronically through SAFIS, a faxed report is not required.**

In addition, any vessel participating in the directed summer flounder fishery must call the Marine Enforcement Office at 609-748-2050 at least two (2) hours prior to off loading and that any such off loading may occur only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. from November 1 through April 30 and between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. from May 1 through October 31.

Commercial seasons, quotas, openings and closing information is available on the Division of Fish and Wildlife website at <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/comquotas.htm>

If you have any questions, please call the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020 or 609-292-7794.

Sincerely,

Thomas McCloy, Administrator  
Marine Fisheries Administration