



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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March 24, 2008

Dear New Jersey Summer Flounder Permit Holder:
New Jersey Summer Flounder Dealer:

As of March 24, 2008 the Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that approximately 196,787 pounds of summer flounder have been landed since the March/April directed season opened on March 2, 2008. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey **directed and by-catch** summer flounder fisheries will be closed as of 6:00 PM Thursday, March 27, 2008.

Effective 6:01 PM, March 27, 2008 no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any dealer accept any summer flounder through April 30, 2008.

On May 1, 2008 the by-catch summer flounder fishery will reopen with a by-catch trip limit of 100 pounds. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold. The directed summer flounder fishery will re-open on May 4, 2008 with a 500 pound trip limit with a maximum of four landings per week. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Chanda".

David Chanda
Director