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JON S. CORZINE
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March 20, 2009

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

As determined by New Jersey's commercial summer flounder landing records, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife anticipates approximately 240,311 pounds of summer flounder will have been landed by Saturday, March 28, 2009. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 6:00 PM (Saturday), March 28, 2009.

Effective 6:01 PM, March 28, 2009 no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any dealer accept any summer flounder in excess of the by-catch trip limit of 200 pounds through April 30, 2009 or until such time as the seasonal by-catch is projected to be taken. 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 3, 2009 with a 250 pound trip limit with a maximum of seven landings per week **OR** 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,

David Chanda
Director