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December 17, 2012

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 the Season 6, November-December directed quota of 247,162 pounds and by-catch quota of 22,000 pounds will be landed by Saturday, December 22, 2012. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey Season 6 directed and by-catch summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 6:00 PM (Saturday), December 22, 2012.

Effective 6:01 PM, December 22, 2012 no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any dealer accept any summer flounder through December 31, 2012.

The 2013 Season 1 (January-February) by-catch summer flounder fishery will open on January 1, 2013. 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 January 5, 2013. The directed 2013 summer flounder fishery will open on January 6, 2013 with a 2,500 pound trip limit twice a week or a 5,000 pound trip limit once a week.

The preliminary 2013 seasons and quota letter for summer flounder will be mailed before the end of the year.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

David Chanda
Director

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