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Governor

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Commissioner

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

As required by N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i)2xii, the Department must notify all New Jersey Summer Flounder Permit holders of the annual season allocations. This letter shall serve as notice regarding the 2013 New Jersey commercial summer flounder quota, seasons, and trip limits.

The preliminary 2013 summer flounder coastwide commercial quota is 11,440,000 pounds, a 1,696,935 pound reduction from 2012. This quota does not represent any overages that may have occurred by the end of the 2012 season. If the NMFS adopts a coastwide commercial quota different than 11,440,000 pounds or if the 2012 NJ summer flounder season incurs any overages, the seasonal quotas listed 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 2013 is 1,913,339 pounds. This quota is allocated for six seasons as follows:

Directed Season	Directed (pounds)	By-Catch (pounds)
January 6-February 28	535,735	53,573
March 3-April 30	210,467	21,047
May 5-June 30	200,901	20,090
July 7-August 31	200,901	20,090
September 1-October 31	554,868	55,487
November 4-December 31	210,467	21,047

The daily trip limits and maximum weekly (Sunday to Saturday) landing days for the directed fishery for each season are listed below. **Note: Season 1, 2, and 6 trip limits have changed.**

Jan-Feb 2,500 pound trip limit with a maximum of two landings per week
OR 5,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of one landing per week.

Mar-Aprl 2,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of two landings per week.

May-June 250 pound trip limit with a maximum of seven landings per week
OR 500 pound trip limit with a maximum of four landings per week.

July-Aug 250 pound trip limit with a maximum of seven landings per week
OR 500 pound trip limit with a maximum of four landings per week.

Sept-Oct 750 pound trip limit with a maximum of four landings per week
OR 3,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of one landing per week.

Nov-Dec 1,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of three landings per week
OR 3,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of one landing 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 and 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, opening, 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,



Brandon Muffley, Chief
Bureau of Marine Fisheries