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BOB MARTIN Commissioner

January 14, 2014

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 1, January-February directed quota of 423,983 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Saturday, January 18, 2014. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey Season 1 directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 6:00 PM (Saturday), January 18, 2014.

Effective 6:01 PM, January 18, 2014 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 February 28, 2014 or until such time as the Season 1 by-catch is projected to be taken. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The 2014 Season 2 (March-April) by-catch fishery will open on March 1 with a by-catch trip limit of 200 pounds. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The 2014 Season 2 (March-April) directed summer flounder fishery will open on Sunday, March 2, 2014 with a 2,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of two landings per week.

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

Sincerely,

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Brandon Muffley Marine Fisheries Administrator

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