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Commissioner

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May 28, 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 3, May-June directed quota of 110,679 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Saturday, May 31, 2014. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey Season 3 directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 8:00 PM (Saturday), May 31, 2014.

Effective 8:01 PM, Saturday, May 31, 2014 no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any dealer accept any summer flounder in excess of the by-catch trip limit of 100 pounds through June 30, 2014 or until such time as the Season 3 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 4 (July-August) by-catch summer flounder fishery will open July 1, 2014 with a by-catch limit of 100 pounds per trip. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The 2014 Season 4 (July-August) directed summer flounder fishery will open on Sunday, July 6, 2014 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,

Brandon Muffley

Marine Fisheries Administrator

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