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October 9, 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 5, September-October directed quota of 395,697 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Monday, October 13, 2014. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the **New Jersey Season 5 directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 8:00 PM (Monday), October 13, 2014.**

Effective 8:01 PM, October 13, 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 October 31, 2014 or until such time as the Season 5 by-catch is projected to be taken. Beginning November 1, 2014, by-catch landings may not exceed 200 pounds. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The 2014 Season 6 (November-December) directed summer flounder fishery will open on Sunday, November 2, 2014 with a 1,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of three landings per week or a 3,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of one landing 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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