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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 2015 Season 1, (January-February) by-catch quota of 46,932 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Sunday, February 1, 2015. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey Season 1 by-catch summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 6:00 PM (Sunday), February 1, 2015.

Effective 6:01 PM, February 1, 2015 no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any dealer accept any summer flounder until the season 2 directed fishery opens.

The 2015 Season 2 (March-April) directed fishery will open on March 1 with a directed trip limit of 2,000 pounds two times per week.

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

Sincerely,

Brandon Muffley

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