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**BOB MARTIN** Commissioner

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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 2, (March-April) by-catch quota of 18,235 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Saturday, March 28, 2015. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey Season 2 by-catch summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 6:00 PM (Saturday), March 28, 2015.

Effective 6:01 PM, March 28, 2015 no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any dealer accept any summer flounder until the Season 3 by-catch fishery opens on May 1, 2015. By-catch landings may not exceed 100 pounds and shall not exceed 10%, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The 2015 Season 3 (May-June) directed fishery will open on May 3, 2015 with a directed trip limit of 250 pounds seven times per week or 500 pounds four times per week.

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

Sincerely, Browndon Muffley

**Brandon Muffley** 

Marine Fisheries Administrator

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