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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 3 (May-June) directed quota of 130,595 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Saturday, June 6, 2015. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey 2015 Season 3 directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 8:00 PM (Saturday), June 6, 2015.

Effective 8:01 PM, June 6, 2015 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, 2015 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 2015 Season 4 (July-August) by-catch fishery will open on July 1, 2015 with a by-catch trip limit of 100 pounds. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The 2015 Season 4 (July- August) directed fishery will open on July 5, 2015 with a directed trip limit of 250 pounds 7 times a week or 500 pounds four times a 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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