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October 14, 2015

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 5 (September-October) directed quota of 465,628 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Saturday, October 17, 2015. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey 2015 Season 5 directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 8:00 PM (Saturday), October 17, 2015.

Effective 8:01 PM, October 17, 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 October 31, 2015 or until such time as the Season 5 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 6 (November- December) directed fishery will open on November 1, 2015 with a directed trip limit of 1,000 pounds 3 times a week or 3,000 pounds 1 time a week.

The 2015 Season 6 (November-December) by-catch fishery will have a trip limit of 200 pounds. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

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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