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November 13, 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 6 (November- December) directed quota of 250,700 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Monday, November 16, 2015. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey 2015 Season 6 directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 6:00 PM (Monday), November 16, 2015.

Effective 6:01 PM, November 16, 2015 no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any dealer accept any summer flounder in excess of the by-catch trip limit of 200 pounds through December 31, 2015, or until such time as the Season 6 by-catch is projected to be taken. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The 2016 Season 1 (January - February) by-catch fishery will open on January 1, 2016 with a by-catch trip limit of 200 pounds. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The 2016 Season 1 (January - February) directed fishery will open on January 3, 2016, with directed trip limit options yet to be finalized. A separate letter providing the 2016 quotas and trip limits will be sent in December.

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

Sincerely,

Brandon Muffley  
Marine Fisheries Administration

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