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February 8, 2017

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 2017 Season 1 (January-February) directed quota of 238,552 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Saturday, February 11, 2017. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey 2017 Season 1 directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 6:00 PM (Saturday), February 11, 2017.

Effective 6:01 PM, February 11, 2017 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 February 28, 2017 or until such time as the Season 1 by-catch is projected to be taken. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The 2017 Season 2 (March-April) by-catch fishery will open on March 1, 2017 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 2017 Season 2 (March-April) directed fishery will open on Sunday, March 5, 2017 with a directed trip limit of 400 pounds two times a week or 800 one time a week.

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

Sincerely,

Russ Allen
Marine Fisheries Administration

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