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April 25, 2018

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 2018 Season 2 (March - April) directed quota of 114,753 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Saturday, April 28, 2018. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey 2018 Season 2 directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 6:00 PM (Saturday), April 28, 2018.

Effective 6:01 PM, April 28, 2018 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 April 30, 2018 or until such time as the Season 2 by-catch is projected to be taken. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The 2018 Season 3 (May - June) by-catch fishery will open on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 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 2018 Season 3 (May - June) directed fishery will open on Sunday, May 6, 2018 with a directed trip limit of 250 pounds six days a week or 500 pounds three days a week. Unloading of summer flounder can only occur between 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM.

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

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Brust, Marine Fisheries Administration