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June 4, 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 3 (May - June) directed quota of 117,826 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Thursday, June 7, 2018. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey 2018 Season 3 directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 8:00 PM (Thursday), June 7, 2018.

Effective 8:01 PM, June 7, 2018 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, 2018 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 2018 Season 4 (July - August) directed fishery will open on Sunday, July 1, 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,

Joseph A. Cimino
Marine Fisheries Administrator

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