



## State of New Jersey

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July 16, 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 4 (July- August) directed quota of 117,881 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Saturday, July 21, 2018. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey 2018 Season 4 directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 8:00 PM (Saturday), July 21, 2018.

Effective 8:01 PM, July 21, 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 August 31, 2018, or until such time as the Season 4 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 5 (September- October) directed fishery will open on Sunday, September 2, 2018 with a directed trip limit of 250 pounds four days a week or 500 pounds two days a week or 1,000 pounds one day 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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