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February 6, 2024

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 Fish and Wildlife anticipates the 2024 Season 1 (January- February) directed quota of 370,472 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Saturday, February 10, 2024. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey 2024 Season 1 directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 6:00 PM (Saturday), February 10, 2024.

Effective 6:01 PM, February 10, 2024, 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 29, 2024, 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 2024 Season 2 (March- April) directed fishery will open on March 1, 2024, with a directed trip limit of 285 pounds seven days a week or 500 pounds four days a week or 1,000 pounds two days a week or 2,000 pounds one day a week. Unloading of summer flounder can only occur between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

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

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Cimino
Marine Fisheries Administrator