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April 3, 2025

Dear New Jersey Summer Flounder Permit Holder: New Jersey Summer Flounder Dealer:

The NJDEP Fish & Wildlife has determined that the 2025 Season 2 (March – April) directed summer flounder quota of 157,782 pounds will be harvested by Saturday, April 5, 2025. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey directed summer flounder fishery will be **closed** as of **6:00 PM**, **Saturday**, **April 5, 2025**.

Effective 6:01 PM, Saturday, April 5, 2025, no vessel shall land or possess, and no dealer shall accept, any summer flounder in excess of the by-catch trip limit of 200 pounds through April 30, 2025, or until such time as the seasonal by-catch is projected to be taken. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The 2025 Season 3 directed summer flounder fishery will re-open at midnight on May 1, 2025, with a directed trip limit of 214 pounds seven times a week, or 375 pounds four times per week, or 750 pounds two times per week, or 1,500 pounds one time per week. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Cimino,

Marine Resources Administrator