



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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May 19, 2008

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

As of May 19, 2008 the Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that approximately 85,717 pounds of summer flounder have been landed since the May/June directed season opened on May 4, 2008. 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 8:00 PM Wednesday, May 21, 2008 .

Effective 8:01 PM, May 21, 2008 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 July 5, 2008 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 directed summer flounder fishery will re-open on July 6, 2008 with a 500 pound trip limit and a maximum of four landings per week. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Chanda".

David Chanda
Director

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