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*Commissioner*

February 11, 2016

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 2016 Season 1 (January-February) directed quota of 334,833 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Saturday, February 13, 2016. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey 2016 Season 1 directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 6:00 PM (Saturday), February 13, 2016.

Effective 6:01 PM, February 13, 2016 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, 2016 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 2016 Season 2 (March-April) by-catch fishery will open on March 1, 2016 with a by-catch trip limit of 200 pounds. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The 2016 Season 2 (March-April) directed fishery will open on Sunday, March 6, 2016 with a directed trip limit of 500 pounds two times a week or 1,000 one time a week.

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

Sincerely,

Brandon Muffley  
Marine Fisheries Administrator

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