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August 24, 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 4 (July-August) directed quota of 268,841 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Saturday, August 27, 2016. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey 2016 Season 4 directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 8:00 PM (Saturday), August 27, 2016.

Effective 8:01 PM, August 27, 2016 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, 2016 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 2016 Season 5 (September-October) by-catch fishery will open on September 1, 2016 with a by-catch trip limit of 100 pounds. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The 2016 Season 4 (September-October) directed fishery will open on Sunday, September 4, 2016 with a directed trip limit of 250 pounds six times a week or 500 pounds three times a week or 1,500 pounds 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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