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February 2, 2012

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 Season 1, January-February directed quota of 559,174 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Wednesday, February 8, 2012. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey Season 1 directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 6:00 PM (Wednesday), February 8, 2012.

Effective 6:01 PM, February 8, 2012 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 March 3, 2012 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 Season 2 directed summer flounder fishery will open on March 4, 2012 with a 1,500 pound trip limit with a maximum of three 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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