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July 24, 2017

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 2017 Season 4 (Jul-Aug) by-catch quota will be landed by Thursday, July 27, 2017. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey Season 4 by-catch summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 8:00 PM (Thursday), July 27, 2017.

Effective 8:01 PM, July 27, 2017 no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any dealer accept any summer flounder through August 31, 2017.

The 2017 Season 5 (Sept-Oct) by-catch fishery will open on September 1, 2017 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 2017 Season 5 (Sept-Oct) directed fishery will open on Sunday, September 3, 2017 with a directed trip limit of 250 pounds six days a week or 750 pounds two days a week or 1,500 pounds one day a week.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ Allen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Russ Allen
Marine Fisheries Administration

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