



## State of New Jersey

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*Commissioner*

October 4, 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 5 (September-October) directed quota of 246,430 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Saturday, October 7, 2017. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey 2017 Season 5 directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 8:00 PM (Saturday), October 7, 2017.

Effective 8:01 PM, October 7, 2017 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 October 31, 2017 or until such time as the Season 5 by-catch is projected to be taken. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The 2017 Season 6 (November-December) by-catch fishery will open on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 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 2017 Season 6 (November-December) directed fishery will open on Sunday, November 5, 2017 with a directed trip limit of 750 pounds two days a week or 1,500 pounds one day a week. Unloading of summer flounder can only occur between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

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

Sincerely,

Russ Allen  
Marine Fisheries Administration

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