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November 15, 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 6 (November-December) directed quota of 92,585 pounds of summer flounder will be landed by Saturday, November 18, 2017. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey 2017 Season 6 directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 6:00 PM (Saturday), November 18, 2017.

Effective 6:01 PM, November 18, 2017 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 December 31, 2017 or until such time as the Season 6 by-catch is projected to be taken. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The 2018 Season 1 summer flounder fishery will re-open on January 1, 2018, with trip limit options yet to be finalized. A separate letter providing the 2018 quotas and trip limits will be sent in December. 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 line extending to the right.

Russ Allen
Marine Fisheries Administration

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