

summer flounder quota unless New Jersey enters into an agreement with another state(s) to transfer or combine summer flounder commercial quotas, as provided for pursuant to (i)3 below and such agreement indicated otherwise.

i. (No change.)  
 ii. The balance of the New Jersey annual quota for the summer flounder fishery remaining after the by-catch allowance specified at (i)2i above shall be divided into seasons, percentage of the annual quota apportioned to each season, daily trip limits, and the number of allowable landing days in each one- or two-week period. The first period of each season shall start on the first calendar day of that season and end on the first Saturday of that season. Each subsequent one- or two-week period will begin on Sunday and end on the first or second following Saturday. The final period of each season shall end on the last day of the final month of that season. The seasons, percentage of quota, daily trip limits, and allowable landing days are as follows:

(1) January—February: 28 percent, a [1,250-pound] **1,000-pound** trip limit and a maximum of [two] **four** days per week that a vessel may land summer flounder, or a [2,500-pound] **2,000-pound** trip limit and a maximum of [one] **two** days per week that a vessel may land summer flounder, **or a 4,000-pound trip limit and a maximum of one day per week that a vessel may land summer flounder;**

(2) March—April: 11 percent, [375-pound] **a 500-pound** trip limit and a maximum of four days per week that a vessel may land summer flounder, or a [750-pound] **1,000-pound** trip limit and a maximum of two days per week that a vessel may land summer flounder, or a [1,500-pound] **2,000-pound** trip limit and a maximum of one day per week that a vessel may land summer flounder;

(3) May—June: 10.5 percent, a [214-pound] **285-pound** trip limit and a maximum of seven days per week that a vessel may land summer flounder, or a [375-pound] **500-pound** trip limit and a maximum of four days per week that a vessel may land summer flounder, or a [750-pound] **1,000-pound** trip limit and a maximum of two days per week that a vessel may land summer flounder[, or a 1,500-pound trip limit a maximum of one day per week that a vessel may land summer flounder];

(4) July—August: 10.5 percent, a [214-pound] **285-pound** trip limit and a maximum of seven days per week that a vessel may land summer flounder, or a [375-pound] **500-pound** trip limit and a maximum of four days per week that a vessel may land summer flounder, or a [750-pound] **1,000-pound** trip limit and a maximum of two days per week that a vessel may land summer flounder[, or a 1,500-pound trip limit and a maximum of one day per week that a vessel may land summer flounder];

(5) September—October: 29 percent, a [500-pound] **550-pound** trip limit and a maximum of seven days per week that a vessel may land summer flounder, or a [875-pound] **1,000-pound** trip limit and a maximum of four days per week that a vessel may land summer flounder, or a [1,750-pound] **2,000-pound** trip limit and a maximum of two days per week that a vessel may land summer flounder, or a [3,500-pound] **4,000-pound** trip limit and a maximum of one day per week that a vessel may land summer flounder;

(6) November—December: 11 percent, a [500-pound] **750-pound** trip limit and a maximum of four days per week that a vessel may land summer flounder, or a [1,000-pound] **1,500-pound** trip limit and a maximum of two days per week that a vessel may land summer flounder, or a [2,000-pound] **3,000-pound** trip limit and a maximum of one day per week that a vessel may land summer flounder; and

- (7) (No change.)  
 iii.-xiii. (No change.)  
 3.-9. (No change.)  
 (j)-(y) (No change.)

## INSURANCE

(a)

### DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM Small Employer Health Benefits Plans

#### Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 11:21 Appendix Exhibits F, G, W, and Y

Proposed: December 1, 2025 (see 57 N.J.R. 2657(a)).

Adopted: December 26, 2025, by New Jersey Small Employer Health Benefits Program Board, Margaret Koller, Chairperson.

Filed: December 26, 2025, as R.2026 d.036, **without change**.

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Operative Date: April 1, 2026.

Expiration Date: September 11, 2030.

#### Summary of Hearing Officer's Recommendations and Agency

##### Responses:

The New Jersey Small Employer Health Benefits Program Board (SEH Board) held a hearing on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, by Zoom, to receive testimony with respect to the health benefits plans set forth at N.J.A.C. 11:21, Appendix Exhibits F, G, W, and Y. John Rossakis, Regulatory Officer, served as the hearing officer. There was no testimony at the hearing.

The hearing officer made no recommendations regarding the amendments. The hearing record may be reviewed by contacting the New Jersey Small Employer Health Benefits Program Board, PO Box 325, Trenton, NJ 08625-0325.

#### Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:

**No comments were received.**

##### Federal Standards Statement

As discussed in the notice of proposal Summary, the amendments are intended to comply with newly enacted State law, and are not being adopted pursuant to the authority of, or in order to implement, comply with or participate in, any program established pursuant to Federal law or a State statute that incorporates or refers to Federal law, standards, or requirements as set forth at N.J.A.C. 1:30-5.1(c)4. Accordingly, no Federal standards analysis is required.

##### Full text of the adoption follows:

**OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW NOTE:** The New Jersey Small Employer Health Benefits Program Board is adopting amendments at N.J.A.C. 11:21 Appendix Exhibits F, G, W, and Y. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-7(c) and N.J.A.C. 1:30-5.2(a)2, the exhibits, as adopted, are not published in this notice of adoption, but may be reviewed by contacting:

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