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February 2, 2010

Dear New Jersey Summer Flounder Permit Holder:

New Jersey Summer Flounder Dealer:

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that the season 1 directed summer flounder fishery was closed prematurely on January 14, 2010. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i)viii, the New Jersey directed summer flounder fishery will reopen as of 6:00 AM Sunday, February 7, 2010 and will close on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

Vessels possessing a valid NJ Directed Summer Flounder Permit will be authorized to make **one trip up to a maximum of 2,000 pounds** during the period of Sunday, February 7, 2010 to Saturday, February 20, 2010. Any landings in excess of 200 pounds constitutes your one directed trip.

Effective 6:01 PM, February 20, 2010 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 6, 2010 or until such time as the seasonal 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 re-open at 6:00 AM on March 7, 2010 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,

David Chanda
Director

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