



# State of New Jersey

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April 13, 2021

Dear New Jersey Summer Flounder Permit Holder:

New Jersey Summer Flounder Dealer:

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that the 2021 Season 2 (March-April) directed summer flounder quota of 331,395 pounds will be harvested by Friday, April 16, 2021. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(h), **the New Jersey directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 6:00 PM, Friday, April 16, 2021.**

Effective 6:01 PM, Friday, April 16, 2021, 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 April 30, 2021, or until such time as the Season 2 by-catch is projected to be taken. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The 2021 Season 3 (May-June) directed fishery will open on Saturday, May 1 with a directed trip limit of 350 pounds seven times per week or 625 pounds four times per week or 1,250 pounds two times per week. Unloading of summer flounder can only occur between 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM.

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

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Cimino

Marine Fisheries Administrator