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Dear New Jersey Summer Flounder Permit Holder:
New Jersey Summer Flounder Dealer:

As required by N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i)2xii, the Department must notify all New Jersey Summer Flounder Permit holders of the annual season allocations. This letter shall serve as notice regarding the 2021 New Jersey commercial summer flounder quota, seasons, and trip limits.

The preliminary 2021 summer flounder coast wide commercial quota is 12,490,000 pounds, an 8% increase to the 2020 commercial fishing year. This results in a New Jersey commercial quota of 2,088,951 pounds, 16.7 percent of the coast wide commercial allocation.

This quota does not represent any overages that may have occurred by the end of the 2020 season. After allocating ten percent, but not more than 200,000 pounds of the quota for by-catch landings as required by N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i)2, the directed fishery quota for 2021 is 1,888,951 pounds. This quota is allocated for six seasons as follows:

Season	Directed (pounds)	Bycatch (Pounds)
January 1- February 28	528,906	56,000
March 1- April 30	207,785	22,000
May 1- June 30	198,340	21,000
July 1- August 31	198,340	21,000
September 1- October 31	547,796	58,000
November 1- December 31	207,785	22,000

The daily trip limits and maximum weekly (Sunday to Saturday) landing days for the directed fishery for each season are listed below. **Please note, trip limits have changed for Seasons 1,2,3,4, and 5.**

Season 1 (January-February): Option A- 1,250-pound trip two times per week **or**

Option B- 2,500-pound trip one time per week.

Season 2 (March-April): Option A- 500-pound trip four times a week **or**
 Option B- 1,000-pound trip two times per week **or**
 Option C- 2,000-pound trip one time per week.

Season 3 (May-June): Option A- 350-pound trip seven times a week **or**
 Option B- 625-pound trip four times per week **or**
 Option C-1,250-pound trip two times per week.

Season 4 (July-August): Option A- 350-pound trip seven times a week **or**
 Option B- 625-pound trip four times per week **or**
 Option C-1,250-pound trip two times per week.

Season 5 (September-October): Option A- 350-pound trip seven times a week **or**
 Option B- 625-pound trip four times per week **or**
 Option C-1,250-pound trip two times per week **or**
 Option D- 2,500-pound trip one time per week.

Season 6 (November-December): Option A- 1,000-pound trip two times per week **or**
 Option B- 2,000-pound trip one time per week.

Options cannot be combined under any circumstance for a given season. Once a trip has been landed under one option, the vessel is restricted to only that option for the remainder of the fishing week (Sunday-Saturday). Once the following fishing week begins (12:00 a.m. Sunday), the vessel can choose another option under the corresponding season.

When the directed fishery is closed, no vessel shall land or possess any summer flounder in excess of the by-catch trip limit. By-catch landings of summer flounder may not exceed ten percent (10%) by weight, of all species landed and sold with a maximum daily trip limit of 100 pounds from May 1 through October 31 and 200 pounds from November 1 through April 30.

All New Jersey Summer Flounder Dealers must provide daily reports during the period January 1 through February 28 and weekly (Sunday to Saturday) reports during the period March 1 through December 31 to the

Division of Fish and Wildlife listing the amount of summer flounder landed on a daily basis by vessel and size category. Reports must be filed electronically through the Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System (SAFIS) no later than 10:00 AM on the following day for daily reports and 12:01 PM on Monday following the week's end for weekly reports. If no landings occurred, a report to that effect is required. **If a dealer is reporting electronically through SAFIS, a faxed report is not required.**

In addition, any vessel participating in the directed summer flounder fishery must email (njdfwcommercialnotify@dep.nj.gov) or call the Marine Enforcement Office at 609-748-2050 at least two (2) hours prior to offloading and that any such offloading may occur only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. from November 1 through April 30 and between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. from May 1 through October 31.

Commercial seasons, quotas, opening, and closing information is available on the Division of Fish and Wildlife website at <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/comquotas.htm>.

If you have any questions, please call the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020 or 609-292-7794.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph A. Cimino". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "C".

Joseph A. Cimino,
Marine Fisheries Administrator