



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
One Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

May 17, 2001

Dear Summer Flounder Dealer and
Commercial Vessel Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you that the summer flounder (fluke) commercial quota available to the States of Maine and Delaware have been harvested.

Effective May 18, 2001, fishing vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit for the summer flounder fishery may no longer land summer flounder in Maine and Delaware for the remainder of the 2001 calendar year. Vessel owners issued Federal permits are also reminded that they must continue to complete and submit vessel logbooks. Additionally, dealers issued Federal dealer permits for summer flounder are advised that they may not purchase summer flounder from federally permitted vessels that land in Maine and Delaware for the remainder of the calendar year. Federally permitted dealers must also continue to report all fish purchases from any vessel.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patricia A. Kurkul".

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

