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New Jersey Summer Flounder Fishery Closure

Effective Date: 0001 hours on November 29, 2014

The 2014 commercial summer flounder quota allocated to New Jersey has been harvested. Effective 0001 hours, November 29, 2014, fishing vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit for the summer flounder fishery may no longer land summer flounder in New Jersey for the remainder of the 2014 calendar year. This closure is concurrent with the State of New Jersey's closure of its commercial summer flounder fishery to state permitted vessels and dealers, effective 0001 hours on November 29, 2014.

Vessel owners issued Federal permits must continue to complete and submit vessel logbooks for all other species landed. Additionally, dealers issued Federal dealer permits for summer flounder may not purchase summer flounder from federally permitted vessels that land in New Jersey for the remainder of the calendar year. Federally permitted dealers must also continue to report all fish purchases from any vessel.