

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

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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Dear Summer Flounder Dealer and Commercial Vessel Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you that the summer flounder commercial quota available to New York has been harvested.

Effective 0001 hour on September 14, 2008, fishing vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit for the summer flounder fishery <u>may no longer land summer flounder</u> in New York for the remainder of the 2008 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 <u>may not purchase summer flounder from federally permitted vessels</u> that land in New York for the remainder of the calendar year. Federally permitted dealers must also continue to report all fish purchases from any vessel.

You may also receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, by e-mail by clicking on "Permit Holder Letters" on our website at http://www.nero.noaa.gov. 1

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Kurkul Regional Administrator

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¹This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

