



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

August 26, 2002

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 Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been harvested.

Effective August 28, 2002, fishing vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit for the summer flounder fishery may no longer land summer flounder in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the remainder of the 2002 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 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the remainder of the calendar year. Federally permitted dealers must also continue to report all fish purchases from any vessel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia A. Kurkul".

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

