



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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January 2, 2008

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

As determined by New Jersey's historical commercial summer flounder landing records, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife anticipates approximately 374,344 pounds of summer flounder will have been landed by Monday, January 7, 2008. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 6:00 PM (Monday), January 7, 2008.

Effective 6:01 PM, January 7, 2008 no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any dealer accept any summer flounder in excess of the by-catch trip limit of 200 pounds through March 1, 2008 or until such time as the seasonal by-catch is projected to be taken. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The directed summer flounder fishery will re-open on March 2, 2008 with a 1,000 pound trip limit and a maximum of five landings per week. If recent recommendations from the Marine Fisheries Council for revised 2008 trip limits are adopted, permit holders and dealers will be notified. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Chanda".

David Chanda
Director

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