



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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JON S. CORZINE
Governor

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January 11, 2010

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

As determined by New Jersey's commercial summer flounder landing records, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife anticipates approximately 538,754 pounds of summer flounder will have been landed by Thursday, January 14, 2010. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(i), the New Jersey season 1 directed summer flounder fishery will be closed as of 6:00 PM (Thursday), January 14, 2010.

Effective 6:01 PM, January 14, 2010 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 6, 2010 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 7, 2010 with a 1,500 pound trip limit with a maximum of three landings per week. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Chanda".

David Chanda
Director

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