



Northeast Region Bulletin

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New Jersey Summer Flounder Fishery Open

Effective Date: December 6, 2013

On November 27, 2013, the 2013 commercial summer flounder fishery in New Jersey was closed prematurely. We have determined that New Jersey still has 2013 quota available for harvest. Therefore, effective December 6, 2013, fishing vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit for the summer flounder fishery may land summer flounder in New Jersey until the quota is fully harvested. Vessels are subject to the possession limits set in the state in which the vessel is landing.

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 now purchase summer flounder from federally permitted vessels that land in New Jersey until the quota is fully harvested. Federally permitted dealers must also continue to report all fish purchases from any vessel.

For small entity compliance guides, this bulletin complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996. This notice is authorized by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Region.