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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
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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 fishery in Connecticut will reopen in Federal waters until the quota available to Connecticut has been harvested. This reopening is the result of updated landings information that has demonstrated the quota allocated to Connecticut has not been fully harvested.

To coincide with Connecticut's reopening of the commercial summer flounder fishery in State waters, effective **0001 hour on October 10, 2007**, fishing vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit for the summer flounder fishery may once again land summer flounder in Connecticut until it is determined that the allocated quota has been harvested. Vessel owners issued Federal permits are also reminded that they must complete and submit vessel logbooks. Additionally, dealers issued Federal dealer permits for summer flounder are advised that they may once again purchase summer flounder from federally permitted vessels that land in Connecticut until it is determined that the allocated quota has been harvested. 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>.<sup>1</sup>*

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Kurkul  
Regional Administrator

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

