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**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
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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 quota available to Massachusetts has been harvested.

Effective **0001 hour on August 21, 2007**, fishing vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit for the summer flounder fishery may no longer land summer flounder in Massachusetts for the remainder of the 2007 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 Massachusetts for the remainder of the calendar year. 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.*

