



Northeast Region Bulletin

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Virginia Summer Flounder Fishery Closure

Effective Date: 1801 hours on December 4, 2013

The 2013 commercial summer flounder quota allocated to Virginia has been harvested. Effective 1801 hours, December 4, 2013, fishing vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit for the summer flounder fishery may no longer land summer flounder in Virginia for the remainder of the 2013 calendar year. This closure is concurrent with the Commonwealth of Virginia's closure of its commercial summer flounder fishery to state permitted vessels and dealers, effective 1801 hours on December 4, 2013.

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 not purchase summer flounder from federally permitted vessels that land in Virginia for the remainder of the calendar year. 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.