



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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Massachusetts Summer Flounder and Bluefish Fishery Closures

Effective Date: 0001 hours on September 17, 2015 for Summer Flounder; 0001 hours on Septemeber 19, 2015 for Bluefish

The 2015 commercial summer flounder and bluefish quota allocated to Massachusetts has been harvested. Vessels holding Federal commercial permits are prohibited from landing summer flounder, effective 0001 hours, September 17, 2015 and/or bluefish, effective 0001 hours, September 19, 2015 in Massachusetts for the remainder of the 2015 calendar year. This closure is concurrent with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' closure of its commercial bluefish and summer flounder fisheries to state permitted vessels and dealers.

Vessel owners issued Federal permits must continue to complete and submit vessel logbooks. Additionally, dealers issued Federal dealer permits for summer flounder and/or bluefish may not purchase either species from federally permitted vessels that land in Massachusetts for the remainder of the calendar year. Federally permitted dealers must also continue to report all other federally managed fish purchased.

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, Greater Atlantic Region.