



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National
Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
One Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

December 17, 2001

Dear Summer Flounder Dealer and
Commercial Vessel Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you that the summer flounder (fluke) commercial quota available to the State of Rhode Island has been harvested.

Effective December 20, 2001, fishing vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit for the summer flounder fishery may no longer land summer flounder in State of Rhode Island for the remainder of the 2001 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 State of Rhode Island for the remainder of the calendar year. Federally permitted dealers must also continue to report all fish purchases from any vessel.

This letter does not contain all the regulatory provisions that pertain to these species, and consequently, has no legal force or effect. A copy of the regulations can also be obtained through a link to the Office of the Federal Register at the NMFS Northeast Regional Office's Web Site: <http://www.nero.nmfs.gov>.

This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

