



# Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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## **New Jersey Commercial Summer Flounder Fishery Closure**

*Effective Date: November 30, 2017*

The 2017 commercial summer flounder quota allocated to New Jersey has been harvested. Effective November 30, 2017, fishing vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit for the summer flounder fishery may no longer land summer flounder in New Jersey for the remainder of the 2017 calendar year. This closure follows the State of New Jersey's closure of its commercial summer flounder fishery to state permitted vessels and dealers, effective on November 25, 2017.

Dealers issued Federal dealer permits for summer flounder may not purchase summer flounder from vessels that land in New Jersey for the remainder of the calendar year. Vessel owners issued Federal permits must continue to complete and submit vessel logbooks for all other species landed. 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, Greater Atlantic Region.*