



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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Rhode Island Commercial Summer Flounder Fishery Closure

Effective Date: 0001 hours on November 14, 2017

The 2017 commercial summer flounder quota allocated to Rhode Island has been harvested. Effective 0001 hours November 14, 2017, fishing vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit for the summer flounder fishery may no longer land summer flounder in Rhode Island for the remainder of the 2017 calendar year. *This closure is concurrent with the State of Rhode Island's closure of its commercial summer flounder fishery to state permitted vessels and dealers, effective on November 14, 2017.*

Dealers issued Federal dealer permits for summer flounder may not purchase summer flounder from federally permitted vessels that land in Rhode Island 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.