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DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION: INCREASE TO THE 2020 PERIOD I SUMMER FLOUNDER TRIP LIMIT

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c.30A, §3 and under the authority of G.L. c.130, §17A and 80, and 322 CMR §§ 6.41(2)(d) and 7.01(7), the Acting Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries with the approval of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, hereby declares:

- 1. Effective 6:00 AM on Sunday, February 23, 2020 the summer flounder trip limit for Period I (January 1 – April 22) at 322 CMR 6.22(2)(c)(1) shall be increased from 1,000 pounds to 2,000 pounds.
- 2. The adjustments implemented via this declaration shall expire on April 22, 2020, or when the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries determines that 25% of the Commonwealth's 2020 commercial summer flounder quota has been taken and the Period I trip limit is thereby reduced to 100 pounds.

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