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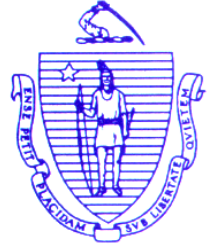
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

2016 COMMERCIAL SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY TO CLOSE EFFECTIVE MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016

Massachusetts' 2016 commercial summer flounder (fluke) quota of 577,777 pounds is projected to be taken on Sunday, August 14, 2016. Accordingly, Massachusetts' commercial fluke fishery is closed effective Monday, August 15, 2016 ([Closure Notice](#)). Commercial fishermen and dealers are reminded that all fluke must be landed in Massachusetts by 8PM on Sunday night. The Massachusetts commercial fluke fishery is scheduled to reopen on February 1, 2017. During the closed period, it is unlawful for fishermen to possess and land fluke for commercial purposes and for seafood dealers to purchase or receive fluke from fishermen.

Commercial fishermen are to submit monthly trip-level reports by the fifteenth of the following month, even if their permit was not fished. Reports should be sent to DMF Statistics Project, 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930. Failure to submit these reports for all months of the year in a timely manner may result in the non-renewal of a commercial permit and its endorsements in 2017. Blank forms and instructions were mailed out prior to the beginning of the 2016 fishing season; additional copies can be obtained from the *Marine Fisheries* [Trip-Level Reporting website](#).

For more information on the management of fluke in Massachusetts, contact *Marine Fisheries* at 617-626-1520 or visit our website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.