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Marine Fisheries Advisory

Reminder: Commercial Summer Flounder Limits to Increase on September 1

This notice serves to remind commercial fishers that the regulatorily enacted summer flounder trip limits will increase to 800 pounds for all gear types on Thursday, September 1. The trip limit applies per calendar day or per trip whichever period is longer. However, the pilot program allowing trawlers to land two daily limits of summer flounder that were lawfully caught and retained over consecutive calendar days remains in effect through September 30.

The 800-pound trip limit will be in effect throughout the month of September, before increasing again October 1 for the fall and early winter offshore fishery. The Division of Marine Fisheries is currently taking public comment on an in-season adjustment to the October 1 – December 31 trip limit, which would increase the limit from 3,000 pounds to 10,000 pounds for this calendar year (see [Advisory](#)).

Trawlers fishing in the waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth are reminded that night fishing is prohibited. Please note that Massachusetts has jurisdiction in all waters of Nantucket Sound including the so-called “donut hole” in the center of the Sound. During the period of March 1 – October 31, night is defined as meaning ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise. To determine the exact time of sunrise and sunset at your specific location, you can use [NOAA’s solar calculator](#).

For more information regarding the management of summer flounder in Massachusetts, please visit our website (www.mass.gov/marinefisheries).