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FISHERY CLOSURE NOTICE

2015 COMMERCIAL SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c. 30A § 3 and under the authority of G.L. c. 130 §§ 17A, 21 and 80 and 322 CMR §§ 6.41(2)(c) and 7.01(7), the Commonwealth's 2015 commercial summer flounder quota, as established at 322 CMR § 6.22(1), is projected to be taken on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 and, in accordance with 322 CMR § 6.22(2)(e), the commercial summer flounder fishery in Massachusetts is closed effective 0001 hours on Thursday, September 17, 2015 until 0001 hours on Monday, February 1, 2016. During this period, it shall be unlawful for any commercial fisherman, authorized pursuant to G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR §§ 6.22(3)(f), 7.01(2) and 7.01(4)(a), to possess summer flounder and for any dealer to conduct a primary purchase of any summer flounder, as established by 322 CMR § 7.07(2) and (5)(b).

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