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Marine Fisheries Advisory

Commercial Summer Flounder Fishery Closed Effective Monday, September 22, 2014

The Commonwealth's 2014 commercial summer flounder (fluke) quota of 688,593 lbs is projected to be taken on Sunday, September 21, 2014. Accordingly, Massachusetts' commercial fluke fishery is closed effective 0001 hours on Monday, September 22, 2014 ([Closure Notice](#)). Until further notice, Massachusetts commercial fishermen will be prohibited from possessing and landing fluke for commercial purposes until the 2015 commercial fluke season opens on February 1. Similarly, effective 0001 hours on Monday, September 22, 2014, the purchase or receipt of any fluke by Massachusetts primary buyers from commercial fisherman is now prohibited.

Commercial fishermen are reminded that even if their permit was not fished, September 2014 trip-level reports are due no later than October 15, 2014. Failure to submit these reports for all months of the year in a timely manner may result in the non-renewal of your commercial permit and its endorsements in 2014. Trip level reports should be sent to DMF Statistics Project, 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930. Blank forms and instructions were mailed out prior to the beginning of the 2014 commercial fishing season and additional copies can be obtained at: [Trip-Level Reporting](#) .

The complete text of Massachusetts' fluke regulations is found at 322 CMR 6.22 and more information regarding the management of fluke in Massachusetts is found on the *Marine Fisheries* website:

www.mass.gov/marinefisheries