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Marine Fisheries Advisory

October 1 Increase to Commercial Summer Flounder Limits

Effective today – Thursday, October 1, 2026 – the commercial summer flounder possession and landing limit for all gear types increases to 5,000 pounds. This limit applies per trip regardless of the number of calendar days that trip may span. This trip limit increase occurs automatically when more than 10% of the state's annual quota is projected to be available after September 30 to support utilization of the available commercial quota. Unless otherwise notified, the 5,000-pound trip limit will remain in effect throughout the month of October. DMF may adjust the commercial summer flounder trip limit again for November 1 depending on quota availability at that time.

Please note that the summertime Consecutive Daily Trip Limit Program concluded on September 30. All relevant Letters of Authorizations have now expired and are no longer valid. DMF will review the performance of this program in 2026 and consider renewing it for the 2027 summertime commercial summer flounder season.

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