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NOTICE OF FISHERY CLOSURE

2025 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 2025 commercial summer flounder quota, as established at 322 CMR § 6.22(1), will be taken by Saturday, October 25, 2025. In accordance with 322 CMR §6.22(2)(e), the 2025 commercial summer flounder fishery in Massachusetts will be closed effective 0001 hours on Sunday, October 26, 2025, thereby, to comply with the landing window regulation at 322 CMR §6.22(2)(f), all summer flounder must be offloaded to a Massachusetts dealer by no later than 2200 hours on Saturday, October 25, 2025. Unless otherwise notified, the commercial summer flounder fishery will remain closed until it reopens in 2026.

During the closure period, 322 CMR 6.22(2)(e) makes it unlawful for any commercial fisher to possess or land summer flounder for commercial purposes or under the authority of a commercial fishing permit, and 322 CMR 7.07(5)(b) makes it unlawful for seafood dealers, permitted in accordance with G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR §7.01(3), to purchase summer flounder from any commercial fisher. Seafood dealers may purchase summer flounder from dealers in other states and import this fish for processing or sale.

Dated: October 24, 2025

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