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Marine Fisheries Advisory

2025 Commercial Summer Flounder Fishery to Close Effective Sunday, October 26

DMF is projecting that 100% of Massachusetts' 2025 commercial summer flounder quota will be taken by Saturday, October 25, 2025. Accordingly, the fishery will close effective 0001 hours on Sunday, October 26, 2025. This closure date thereby requires all vessels offload their summer flounder catch by no later than 10PM on Saturday, October 25 ([Legal Notice](#)) to comply with the summer flounder landing window. Unless otherwise notified the commercial summer flounder fishery will remain closed until it reopens in 2026.

During this closed period, it is unlawful for fishers to retain, possess, or land summer flounder for commercial purposes. For seafood dealers, during this quota closure it is unlawful to purchase or receive summer flounder from commercial fishers. However, dealers may continue to possess lawfully caught summer flounder, import summer flounder from dealers operating in another state, and sell lawfully possessed summer flounder.

Commercial fishers are to submit monthly trip-level reports by the fifteenth of the following month, even if their permit was not fished. Reports should be sent to: DMF Statistics Project, 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930, or submitted electronically using an approved application. Failure to submit these reports for all months of the year in a timely manner may result in the non-renewal of a commercial permit and its endorsements in 2026. Blank forms and instructions were mailed out prior to the beginning of the 2025 fishing season; additional copies and more information about reporting can be obtained on the [Trip Level Reporting website](#).

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