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MarineFisheries Advisory

Commercial Summer Flounder Limits to Increase on November 1

On Sunday, November 1, the commercial summer flounder possession and landing limit for all gear types increases to 10,000 pounds. Unless otherwise notified, this trip limit will remain in effect through the end of the 2026 calendar year.

For 2026, Massachusetts' commercial summer flounder quota is just over 1 million pounds. At this time, about 35% of this quota remains available for harvest. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) regulations stipulate that if at least 20% of the summer flounder quota is projected to remain after October 31, the trip limit is increased to 10,000 pounds. This change is designed to incentivize the harvest of the remaining annual quota by offshore trawlers operating in federal waters. The annual quota was established based on the most recent (2025) stock assessment to ensure the sustainability of the resource.

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