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Marine Fisheries Advisory

**WINTER I COMMERCIAL FLUKE TRIP LIMIT REDUCED TO 100-LBS
EFFECTIVE MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH.**

Current landing and dealer reporting information indicates that 10% of the commercial quota for the 2007 Winter I summer flounder (fluke) fishery will be reached by Sunday, January 7, 2007. Therefore, effective 0001 hours on Monday, January 8, 2007 commercial fishermen are prohibited from landing or possessing more than 100-lbs. of fluke during a 24-hour day. Marine Fisheries is taking this action in accordance with 322 CMR 6.22.

In November of 2005, the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission approved sub-dividing the winter-period fluke quota to better manage harvest within the 70/30 summer/winter quota split. The 30% winter quota was divided equally into a Winter I period (January 1 - April 22) and a Winter II period (November 1 – December 31). Fifteen percent of the overall quota is thus available during each individual winter period.

Commercial fishermen are reminded that it is unlawful to land or possess fluke from 8:00 P.M. through 6:00 A.M.