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**Director's Declaration:**  
**Increase to the 2026 Summer Flounder Commercial Period I Trip Limit**

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Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c. 30A, §3, and under the authority of G.L. c. 130, §§17A and 80 and 322 CMR 6.41(2)(d) and 7.01(7), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries, with the approval of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, hereby declares:

1. Effective 6:00AM on Thursday, January 1, 2026, the summer flounder commercial trip limit, as set forth at 322 CMR 6.22(2)(c)(1), shall be increased from 2,000 pounds to 4,000 pounds.
2. The adjustment implemented via this declaration shall expire after April 22, 2026 or once the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries determines that 15% of the Commonwealth's 2026 summer flounder quota has been taken and the commercial trip limit is reduced to 100 pounds in accordance with 322 CMR 6.22(2)(c)(2).

**Dated:** December 22, 2025

**Signed:** 