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Director's Declaration: Decrease to the 2024 Summer Flounder Commercial Period I Trip Limit

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 Monday, January 1, 2024, the summer flounder commercial trip limit, as set forth at 322 CMR 6.22(2)(c)(1), shall be decreased from 10,000 pounds to 5,000 pounds.**
2. **The adjustment implemented via this declaration shall expire after April 22, 2024 or once the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries determines that 30% of the Commonwealth's 2024 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: November 27, 2023

By: 

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director