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### Marine Fisheries Advisory

## **Effective April 11 the Period I Summer Flounder Trip Limit Reduced to 100 Pounds and Pilot Program to Conclude**

The Division of Marine Fisheries projects the Period I (January 1 – April 22) commercial summer flounder will have taken 25% of the state's 1,014,509 pound annual quota on Saturday, April 10, 2021. Accordingly, effective Sunday, April 11, 2021 the summer flounder trip limit will be reduced from 2,000 pounds to 100 pounds for the remainder of the period ([Director's Declaration](#)) and the pilot program allowing fishermen to possess multiple state limits when landing summer flounder in Massachusetts will conclude.

The Period I fishery is allocated 30% of the state's annual commercial summer flounder quota. The fishery opens on January 1 with a 1,000 pound trip limit. This trip limit may be adjusted by declaration in response to quota availability. For 2021, DMF increased the trip limit to 2,000 pounds and renewed the pilot program that allows the possession of multiple states' limits of summer flounder when offloading in Massachusetts during the offshore wintertime fishery. Once the Period I fishery lands 25% of the annual quota the trip limit is reduced to 100 pounds for the remainder of the period and the pilot program expires.

The Period II fishery opens on April 23 with a 100 pound trip limit for net fishermen. Then on June 10, the directed Period II summer flounder fishery opens with a 400 pound trip limit for net fishermen, 250 pound trip limit for hook and line fishermen, and closed fishing days on Fridays and Saturdays.

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