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Marine Fisheries Advisory

2024 Commercial Summer Flounder Fishery to Close Effective August 28, 2024

DMF is projecting that 100% of Massachusetts' 2024 commercial summer flounder quota will be taken after Tuesday, August 27, 2024. Accordingly, DMF is closing the 2024 commercial summer flounder fishery effective at 0001 hours on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 ([Closure Notice](#)). Unless otherwise notified, the commercial summer flounder fishery will remain closed until it reopens in 2025.

During this closed period, it is unlawful for fishers to retain, possess, or land summer flounder for commercial purposes or in a manner that does not comply with the state's recreational fishing regulations for the species. The recreational summer flounder fishery is subject to a May 24 through September 23 open fishing season with a 5-fish per angler daily bag limit and a 17.5" minimum size for vessel-based fishers and a 16.5" minimum size for shore-based fishers.

Commercial fishers are to submit monthly trip-level reports by the fifteenth of the following month, even if their permit was not fished. Failure to submit these reports for all months of the year in a timely manner may result in the non-renewal of a commercial permit and its endorsements in 2025. Electronic reporting is available through the SAFIS applications. Those fishers reporting via paper should mail reports to: DMF Statistics Project, 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930 or email to dmf.stats@mass.gov. Additional information can be obtained on the [Trip Level Reporting website](#).

For seafood dealers, during the quota closure it is unlawful to purchase or receive summer flounder from commercial fishers. Seafood dealers may continue to possess and sell summer flounder imported into Massachusetts from dealers lawfully operating in another state.

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