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NOTICE OF FISHERY CLOSURE: **2024 COMMERCIAL SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY**

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c. 30A, §3 and under the authority of G.L. c. 130, §§ 17A, 21 and 80 and 322 CMR §§ 6.41(2)(c) and 7.01(7), the Commonwealth's 2024 commercial summer flounder quota, as established at 322 CMR § 6.22(1), is projected to be taken after Tuesday, August 27, 2024. In accordance with 322 CMR §6.22(2)(e), the 2024 commercial summer flounder fishery in Massachusetts will be closed effective 0001 hours on Wednesday, August 28, 2024.

Unless otherwise notified, the commercial summer flounder fishery will remain closed until it reopens in 2025. During this period, it shall be unlawful for any fisher to retain, possess, or land summer flounder in any manner that does not conform with the recreational limits at 322 CMR 6.22(4), or to offer for sale or sell any summer flounder. Additionally, pursuant to 322 CMR 7.07(5)(b), it is unlawful for seafood dealers, permitted in accordance with G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR §7.01(3) to purchase summer flounder from any fisher during this closed period. However, dealers may purchase summer flounder from dealers in other states and import this fish for processing or sale.

Dated: August 26, 2024

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