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Commercial Summer Flounder Limits to Increase on September 1

Effective Tuesday, September 1, 2026, the commercial summer flounder possession and landing limit for all gear types will increase to 1,000 pounds. Unless otherwise notified, the 1,000-pound trip limit will remain in effect from September 1 until the start of the fall fishery on October 1. At that time, the trip limit may increase to 5,000 pounds if at least 10% of the quota remains available.

This trip limit increase occurs automatically when more than 20% of the state's annual quota is projected to be available after August 31 to support utilization of the available commercial quota. As of today, 42% of the annual quota has been landed and DMF can safely project that at least 20% will remain on September 1.

The Consecutive Daily Trip Limit Program remains in effect through September 30. Consistent with this September 1 trip limit adjustment, trawlers with a valid Letter of Authorization will be able to possess and land up to 2,000 pounds of summer flounder on any trip spanning two consecutive calendar days provided no more than 1,000 pounds of summer flounder is retained during any single calendar day.

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