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### DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION:

#### ADJUSTMENT TO COMMERCIAL SUMMER FLOUNDER LIMITS

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c. 30A §3 and under the authority at G.L. c. 130 §§2, 17A and 80 and 322 CMR §§6.41(2)(d) and 7.01(7), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries makes the following Declaration to adjust the commercial summer flounder open fishing days:

1. During the period of September 21, 2019 - October 31, 2019, Saturdays have been added as an open commercial summer flounder fishing day. Accordingly, commercial summer flounder fishermen may fish for, retain, possess and land summer flounder Saturdays through Thursdays. The closed commercial fishing days, as described at 322 CMR § 6.22(2)(d)(2)(b), are Fridays.
2. Effective November 1, 2019, commercial fishermen may fish for, retain, possess and land summer flounder seven days per week. Accordingly, the closed commercial summer flounder fishing days, as described at 322 CMR § 6.22(2)(d)(2)(b), shall be rescinded.
3. Effective November 1, 2019, the commercial summer flounder limits set forth at 322 CMR § 6.22(2)(d)(2)(a) shall be adjusted and commercial fishermen using nets or hooks shall be prohibited from retaining, possessing or landing more than 1,000 pounds of summer flounder per trip or per 24-hour day, whichever period of time is longer.
4. The adjustments implemented via this declaration shall expire on December 31, 2019, or when the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries determines that 100% of the Commonwealth's 2019 commercial summer flounder quota has been taken and the fishery is closed, whichever occurs first.

Dated: September 20, 2019

By: David Pierce