



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

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## DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION:

### Increase to the 2023 Commercial Summer Flounder Trip Limits

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c. 30A, §3, and under the authority of G.L. c. 130, §§17A and 80 and 322 CMR 6.41(2)(d) and 7.01(7), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries, with the approval of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, hereby declares:

1. Effective Tuesday, July 11, 2023, the commercial summer flounder trip limit for net fishers during the period of April 23 – August 31, as set forth at 322 CMR 6.22(2), shall be increased from 500 pounds to 600 pounds.
2. Effective Tuesday, July 11, 2023, the commercial summer flounder trip limit for hook and line fishers during the period of April 23 – August 31, as set forth at 322 CMR 6.22(2), shall be increased from 300 pounds to 400 pounds.
3. The adjustment implemented via this declaration shall expire after August 31, 2023, or once the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries determines that 100% of the Commonwealth's 2023 summer flounder quota is taken and the fishery is closed, whichever occurs sooner.

By: 

Dated: July 10, 2023

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director