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TO: SUMMER FLOUNDER INDUSTRY
FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION
RE: CLOSURE OF THE 2013 DIRECTED VIRGINIA OFFSHORE SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY

Effective 6:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time (EST), Wednesday, December 4, 2013, it is projected that the Directed Virginia Offshore Summer Flounder Fishery will have harvested 100% of the quota. Vessels that have entered Virginia waters and secured to an offloading site prior to 6:00 P.M., EST, Wednesday, December 4, 2013 may possess and offload 10,000 pounds of Summer Flounder, and the following requirements apply:

- It is unlawful for any vessel to land in Virginia any amount of summer flounder more than once in any consecutive 5-day period.
- Only vessels holding a valid Virginia Summer Flounder Endorsement License may possess summer flounder.
- It shall be unlawful for a licensed seafood buyer or federally permitted seafood buyer to fail to contact the Marine Resources Commission Operation Station (757-247-2265 or 1-800-541-4646), prior to a vessel offloading Summer Flounder harvested outside of Virginia. The buyer shall provide to the Commission the name of the vessel and its captain and the anticipated or approximate offloading time.
- Once offloading of any vessel is complete and the total weight of the landed Summer Flounder has been determined, the buyer shall contact the Marine Resources Commission Operations Station and report the vessel name and corresponding total weight of Summer Flounder landed.
- It shall be unlawful, for any person, to offload, from a boat or vessel, for commercial purposes, any Summer Flounder during the period of 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Therefore, after 6:00 P.M., EST, Wednesday, December 4, 2013, it shall be unlawful for any person harvesting Summer Flounder outside of Virginia's waters to land flounder in Virginia.

If you have questions or comments contact Joe Cimino at (757) 247-2237.

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