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TO: SUMMER FLOUNDER INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

SUBJECT: OPENING OF VIRGINIA'S 2025 DIRECTED OFFSHORE SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY

2025 Open Periods

- **Winter 2025, Virginia will open its Directed Offshore Summer Flounder Fishery for 2 periods. The open dates and landing limits are as follows:**
 - The landing limit for the Offshore (EEZ) Fishery from Thursday February 20 through Thursday March 20, 2025, is 12,500 pounds. Vessels may land a maximum of 12,500 pounds for the entire period of February 20 through March 20, 2025.
 - The landing limit for the Offshore (EEZ) Fishery from Friday March 21 through Monday April 21, 2025, is 12,500 pounds. Vessels may land a maximum of 12,500 pounds for the entire period of March 21 through April 21, 2025.
- **During the open Directed Offshore Summer Flounder Fishery periods, each vessel shall hold a Virginia Summer Flounder Endorsement License and adhere to the below restrictions:**
- It shall be unlawful for any vessel to land in Virginia any amount of summer flounder more than once in any consecutive 5-day period.
- It shall be unlawful to possess aboard any vessel in Virginia waters any amount of summer flounder in excess of the total of the Virginia landing limit (12,500 pounds) and the amount of the legal North Carolina or New Jersey landing limit or trip limit.

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- It shall be unlawful for any person to possess aboard any vessel, in Virginia, any amount of summer flounder, once it has been projected and announced that 100% of the quota described in 4VAC20-620-30 A has been taken.
- For additional requirements please visit <https://mrc.virginia.gov/Regulations/fr620.shtm>

Additional Information

All announcements regarding the opening and closing of Virginia's Directed Offshore Flounder Fishery can be found on the home page of the agency website (<https://mrc.virginia.gov>), by clicking the link for "Summer Flounder Notices" under the section labeled Commercial Fishing.

If you have questions or comments, contact Jill Ramsey at (757) 247-2243.