

Commercial Summer Flounder Fishery Possession Limit Decrease

NOTICE

Effective 0001 hours Sunday, April 9, 2023 (the beginning of the next biweekly period which runs through 2359 hours Saturday, April 22, 2023), the biweekly possession limit for the Winter I commercial summer flounder fishery will be reduced to 9,000 lbs.

As of Thursday, April 06, 2023, 31.6% of Connecticut's 2023 commercial summer flounder quota has been landed. The 2023 Winter I (January 1 through April 30) cumulative landings target for the commercial fishery is 35% of the quota. The Department is reducing the biweekly possession limit in an effort to keep the Winter I period open through April 30, 2023, without exceeding the Winter I landing target. **Federally-licensed seafood dealers are reminded:** [Dealers must submit all reports for a reporting week \(Sunday to Saturday\) by midnight of the following Tuesday.](#)

As a reminder, when a weekly or biweekly landing or possession limit for the CT commercial summer flounder winter fishery is in effect, fishermen must:

- Prior to departure on any trip in which summer flounder will be possessed, inform the Department Energy and Environmental Protection Environmental Conservation Police (by calling 860-424-3503 or emailing deep.dispatch@ct.gov) and provide the vessel's name, vessel operator's name, departure date and time, estimated return date and time and the port of landing, and;
- At least two hours prior to landing summer flounder in CT, inform the Environmental Conservation Police (by calling 860-424-3503 or emailing deep.dispatch@ct.gov) and provide the vessel's name, vessel operator's name, intended port and facility of landing, estimated time of landing and total weight of summer flounder to be landed in CT.

For current commercial fishery trip limits and quota status, call 860-434-6374 24/7 for a recorded message of current possession limits, or visit www.ct.gov/deep/TL.

For complete information on commercial fishing regulations please see: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/fishing/commercial/marinecircpdf.pdf>, or contact the DEEP Marine Fisheries Program by email at deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov, by mail at PO Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371 or by calling 860.434.6043 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

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