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**Letter of Authorization**  
**Summer Flounder Sector Allocation Pilot Program**

February 21, 2011

Christopher T. Brown  
Executive Director  
Rhode Island Fluke Conservation Cooperative  
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West Kingstown, RI 02892

Re: Application for participation in 2011 Summer Flounder Sector Allocation Pilot Program

Dear Mr. Brown:

Your application for participation in the 2011 Summer Flounder Sector Allocation Pilot Program, dated February 1, 2011, has been received and reviewed by our office.

Your application was submitted in response to, and reviewed in accordance with, the regulatory provisions set forth in Section 7.7.11 of DEM's Marine Fisheries regulations, which were enacted in December 2010. The regulations set forth a process, available to anyone involved in Rhode Island's commercial summer flounder fishery, to apply for participation in a pilot summer flounder sector allocation program during 2011. The regulations also set forth the requirements and eligibility criteria governing participation in the program.

Your application seeks approval for a sector consisting of fifteen (15) vessels, and includes a fully executed Sector Contract and Operations Plan. Upon review, our office finds that thirteen (13) of the fifteen (15) vessels included in your roster are eligible to participate in the program. Those thirteen (13) vessels are listed on the attached page. Otherwise, your application is in full compliance with the criteria for approval, as set forth in Section 7.7.11. Accordingly, your application is hereby approved, and your sector is hereby authorized to begin fishing pursuant to the terms and conditions of the program and in accordance with the Sector Agreement and Operations Plan beginning **February 21, 2011**.

The final adjusted allocation for your sector and, as a subset thereof, the final adjusted total allowable catch for the sector for the summer period running from May 1 through September 15 is attached. Please contact this office immediately if you have any concerns with these calculations.

Your primary contact for this program at DEM Marine Fisheries is Jason McNamee. Please contact Jason at 423-1943 or [Jason.McNamee@dem.ri.gov](mailto:Jason.McNamee@dem.ri.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Robert J. Ballou*

Robert Ballou

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cc: Jason McNamee, Dan Costa, Mark Gibson, DEM – Marine Fisheries  
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Vessels authorized to participate in 2011 Sector Allocation Program

F/V Proud Mary

F/V Linda Marie

F/V Elizabeth Helen

F/V Virginia Marise

F/V Ocean State

F/V Kelsi Morgan

F/V Restless

F/V Thistle

F/V Rebecca Mary

F/V Wiley Fox III

F/V Heather Lynn

F/V Hopefull

F/V Nancy Beth

Final Adjusted Sector Allocation

*Total sector catch* = total commercial landings of summer flounder in Rhode Island for the thirteen (13) participating vessels during each and all of the five years, 2004-2008, for the period January 1 through December 31 = 1,749,958 lbs

*Total state catch* = total commercial landings of summer flounder in Rhode Island by all commercial fishermen over the same 2004-2008 period, from January 1 through December 31 = 11,121,576 lbs

*Total sector catch (1,749,958 lbs) ÷ Total state catch (11,121,576 lbs) = 15.735 %*

*The State's annual summer flounder quota for 2011 = 2,742,939 lbs*

15.735 % x 2,742,939 lbs = 431,596 lbs

*Total amount of summer flounder landed commercially by the 13 sector participants from January 1, 2011 until the date of this letter of authorization = **13,343 lbs***

**431,596 lbs – 13,343 lbs = 418,253 lbs**

Final Adjusted Summer Period TAC

13 vessels x 10,800 lbs/vessel = 140,400 lbs