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DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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RE: 2014 Application for the Summer sub-period - RI Summer Flounder Aggregate Landing Program

To Whom It May Concern,

Eligible fishermen wishing to participate in the Aggregate Landing Program for **summer flounder** during the **Summer sub-period (June 1 – October 31)** must complete the following application. Upon completion, the application should be mailed to **(DEM – Division of Fish & Wildlife, Attn: Tom Rosa, 3 Fort Wetherill Road, Jamestown, RI 02835)**.

Once the application is received, reviewed, and accepted by BOTH the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Division of Law Enforcement, an Aggregate Landing Permit shall be issued for the vessel.

Keep the following in mind when submitting an application:

- 1.) All operators listed on the application **MUST** have a valid 2013 RI commercial fishing license for application approval.
- 2.) To participate in the Summer Flounder (fluke) Aggregate Landing Program, you **MUST** possess a valid RI Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate/Permit.
- 3.) Any applicant who was permitted for the Winter - 1 sub-period Aggregate Landing Program (January 1 – April 30) is **NOT** eligible to participate in the Summer sub-period Aggregate Landing Program within the same year.
- 4.) The Summer sub-period Aggregate Landing Program begins on June 1, 2014 and the application review process may take several days, so please plan accordingly and submit applications as soon as possible.

Please review the application and applicable regulations before signing, as they describe the rules and requirements of the program. For any further questions please contact Tom Rosa at (401) 423-1923 or email at (tom.rosa@dem.ri.gov).

Submit completed applications to:

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2014 APPLICATION FOR THE RHODE ISLAND SUMMER SUB-PERIOD SUMMER FLOUNDER AGGREGATE LANDING PROGRAM

Vessel Name: _____ Date: _____
Vessel Federal Permit Number (if applicable): _____
Vessel USCG Doc #/State Registration #: _____
Rhode Island Summer Flounder (Fluke) Exemption Certificate Number: _____
Mailing address: _____
_____ State Zip
_____ Cell Phone #: _____ Email: _____

This application is to solicit from the DEM Division of Law Enforcement and Fish & Wildlife a permit to land a cumulative landing of up to **700 pounds of summer flounder per vessel per calendar week** in Rhode Island during the Summer sub-period **beginning June 1, 2014**, as set forth in RIMF Regulations 7.7.1-2 (regulations effective 1/1/2013) for the above named vessel. Cumulative landings of summer flounder for each week period may not exceed 700 pounds from June 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014 or until 80% of the Summer sub period quota has been harvested, whichever first occurs.

Conditions:

1. Each fishing week runs from 12:00 AM Sunday through 11:59 PM Saturday.
2. The operator of any vessel permitted for the aggregate landing program shall sell, trade, or barter only to dealers reporting electronically to the Division using the Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System (SAFIS). The operator shall report the following information to the dealer(s) upon landing: 1) Vessel Name, 2) Vessel Federal Permit Number, 3) Operator's RI Commercial License Number, 4) Weight of Summer Flounder landed, and 5) Date landed.
3. The above referenced information shall be reported via the Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System (SAFIS) and by providing the State's copy of the Vessel Trip Report logbook or the reporting form provided by the Division of Fish and Wildlife to a DEM Law Enforcement officer upon request, including the name(s) and address(es) of the dealer(s) where the summer flounder were landed.
4. A copy of the Vessel Trip Report logbook or the reporting form provided by the Division of Fish and Wildlife must be on board the vessel in numerical order for the entire summer sub period and must date back to January 1st. A vessel shall be exempt from the foregoing requirement if the vessel is currently enrolled in the e-Trips electronic logbook program, and the vessel has been issued a letter by the Division of Fish and Wildlife confirming its enrollment.

5. **Non-compliance with the provisions of RIMF Regulations 7.7.1-2 (regulations effective 1/1/2013) or the enrollment agreement shall subject BOTH the owner and the operator to revocation of enrollment and participation in the commercial fisheries for the subsequent Summer fishery. If for any reason a Summer fishery does not exist by regulation, the owner(s) and operator(s) privilege to commercially fish will be suspended for the same calendar time period as described in the current Summer period upon adjudication. Additionally, imposition of a penalty pursuant to Part 3.3 (RIGL 20-3-3) and the Rules and Regulations Governing the Suspension/Revocation of Commercial Marine Fisheries, Shellfish Buyer, Lobster Dealer, Finfish Dealer, and Multi-purpose Dealer, licenses issued pursuant to Title 20 of RIGL "Fish and Wildlife".**
6. The program will terminate on October 31, 2014 or when 80% of the summer quota has been harvested as determined by Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), whichever first occurs. The possession limit per vessel will be **100 pounds per calendar day** for summer flounder upon termination of the program. The Division of Fish and Wildlife will provide notice of the termination of the program.

By signing below the individual(s) agree(s) to follow the aggregate landing program agreement and the program regulations as set forth in RIMF Regulations 7.7.1-2 (regulations effective 1/1/2013). **The owner and any individuals who will be operating the permitted vessel must sign below.** All other RIMF Rules and Regulations governing summer flounder are still in effect.

Vessel Name: _____

Owner Name* (Print): _____

** (If owner will also be an operator, please also enter owner information below as Operator)*

Owner Signature: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Rhode Island Commercial License Number: _____

Operator (1) Name (Print): _____

Operator (1) Signature: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Rhode Island Commercial License Number: _____

Operator (2) Name (Print): _____

Operator (2) Signature: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Rhode Island Commercial License Number: _____

Operator (3) Name (Print): _____

Operator (3) Signature: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Rhode Island Commercial License Number: _____

2013 AGGREGATE LANDING PROGRAM FOR THE SUMMER SUB-PERIOD

Fluke: 700 lbs per vessel per calendar week period as indicated below beginning on June 1, 2014 until the summer sub-period ends on October 31, 2014 or until 80% of the summer sub-period quota has been harvested, whichever first occurs. (The calendar week period shall begin on Sunday at 12:00 AM and ends on Saturday at 11:59 PM)