

# NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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## **DRAFT 2019 Summer Flounder Quota Distribution**

The 2019 summer flounder quota is anticipated to be **510,054** pounds (subject to change). The quota distribution plan for summer flounder is below.

	Dates	Quota	Initial trip limit	Weekly limit (max of 2 landings per week)	% Distribution
Period 1	<b>January - February</b>	102,011	50	<b>700</b>	<b>20%</b>
Period 2	<b>March - April</b>	76,508	50	<b>TBD</b>	<b>15%</b>
Period 3	<b>May - July</b>	204,022	50	xxx	<b>40%</b>
Period 4	<b>August - October</b>	102,011	50	xxx	<b>20%</b>
Period 5	December	25,503	50	<b>TBD</b>	5%

Provisions to the quota distribution plan:

- 1) Trip limits are intended to spread quota allocation over each period and to avoid fishery closures if possible. Consequently, initial period trip limits may be set at modest levels.
- 2) **A weekly limit, with a maximum of 2 landings per week, is not to be exceeded. The fishing week for the weekly program is Saturday to Friday. Participants must report to NYSDEC Law Enforcement at 631-444-0250 at least one hour prior to landing. The report shall include: name, vessel name, port, landing amount in pounds and time/date of landing.**
- 3) Overharvest/underharvest from Period 1 will be deducted from/added to Period 5.
- 4) Overharvest/underharvest from Periods 2 through 4 will be rolled into the next period.
- 5) The Fishery Management Plan does not allow for one year's unused quota to be rolled over to the next year.
- 6) If a period's quota is projected to be exceeded, action will be taken, up to and possibly including closure of the remaining period, until the next period to preserve quota for subsequent periods.
- 7) DEC may adjust this quota distribution plan if the level of harvest is different from what was projected to ensure maximum utilization of the summer flounder resource and prevent the state allocation from being exceeded.
- 8) **Any increase to the annual quota will first result in a creation of a November Period, roughly equivalent to period 5. Any additional quota will be equally distributed among the original periods.**
- 9) The final 2019 quota allocation is subject to adjustment by the NOAA Fisheries.

Summer Flounder (Fluke) Quota Distribution Comparison for 2019 (proposed) and 2018							
<b>2019</b>	Coastwide Commercial Quota * 6,670,000	NY Commercial % 7.64699%	NY Commercial Quota 510,054				2019 Quota 510,054
Periods	<b>1</b> (Jan - Feb)	<b>2</b> (Mar - Apr)	<b>3</b> (May - Jul)		<b>4</b> (Aug- Oct)		<b>5</b> (Dec)
% Percent	<b>20%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>40%</b>		<b>20%</b>		<b>5%</b> <b>100%</b>
Period Quota	102,011	76,508	204,022		102,011		25,503 510,054
proposed trip limit	<b>700 weekly/</b> <b>50</b>	<b>50 / TBD</b>	<b>50</b>		<b>50</b>		<b>50/TBD</b>
<b>2018</b>	Jan - March	April	May	June-July	Aug-Sept	Oct	December
% Percent	25%	10%	14%	27%	14%	5%	5%
Period Quota	114,003	45,602	63,842	123,124	63,842	22,800	22,800 456,013
Trip limit	50/490 weekly	50	50	50	50	50	50
Period Quota with Rollover				121,264	73,182	32,009	38,501
<i>Estimated Landings (subject to change)</i>	93,419	24,455	65,702	111,924	85,120	36,892	417,512
<i>Estimated % of Quota Landed (subject to change)</i>	82%	54%	103%	92%	116%	115%	92%
					August-October combined landings 122,012		