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Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Commercial Summer Flounder Regulations
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Peter,

The Rhode Island Commercial Rod and Reel Association is in support of Industry Proposal #1 for the 2023 Summer Flounder season. The success the fishery over the past 10 years has been due to the Department's goal of keeping the fishery open throughout the summer sub-period. We acknowledge that the proposed increase in daily limit could draw additional effort in that period which, depending on availability of fish, could lead to early closure. We ask that the Department continue its efforts to keep the fishery open for the entire period and, if necessary, proactively adjust the daily limit as needed to reach that goal.

We are opposed to Industry Proposal #2 as we believe that the daily limits proposed will force an early closure of the fishery.

Thank you,
Ken Booth, President
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