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Dear New Jersey Summer Flounder/Black Sea Bass Permit Holders:

For 2019, any vessels participating in a directed summer flounder and/or a directed black sea bass fishery shall notify the Department of the time and place of unloading of the vessel at least 2 hours in advance of such unloading via emailing njdfwcommercialnotify@dep.nj.gov. The vessel shall also report how many times that week (Sunday through Saturday) the vessel will have landed including the trip being called in for.

Example of information to be included in email:

Subject Line: FV Sea Hunter

Body of Email: Summer Flounder, Cape May (Lund's Fisheries), 10:00 AM, 1st trip of the week.

The goal of utilizing the email notification, njdfwcommercialnotify@dep.nj.gov, is to get away from the antiquated call-in system currently being utilized. The benefits include, but are not limited to:

- Vessel Operators will have a permanent record of the notification that is date and time stamped.
- Increase staff efficiency at the Bureau of Law Enforcement.
- Bureau of Marine Fisheries will utilize email notifications to assist with monitoring the quotas and projecting seasonal closures.
- njdfwcommercialnotify@dep.nj.gov will also be utilized for research and scientific collecting notifications, Atlantic menhaden fishing area notifications, and various shellfish harvest notifications.

The current phone call notification system used by dialing (609) 748-2050 will still be an option for 2019, however may be discontinued pending further assessment by the Department.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Bureau of Law Enforcement at (609) 748-2050.

Sincerely,

Captain Jason Snellbaker

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