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**RE: 2012 Application for the RI Winter 1 – Summer Flounder Aggregate Landings Program**

To Whom It May Concern,

Fishermen wishing to participate in the aggregate landings program for **summer flounder** during the Winter 1 sub period (February 5 –April 30) must complete the following application. Upon completion, the application should be mailed to **DEM - Division of Fish & Wildlife, Attn: Nancy Scarduzio, 3 Fort Wetherill Road, Jamestown, RI 02835**, emailed to ([nancy.scarduzio@dem.ri.gov](mailto:nancy.scarduzio@dem.ri.gov)), or faxed to 423-1925 at the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Once the application is received, reviewed, and accepted by both the Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the Division of Law Enforcement, an Aggregate Landings 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 2012 commercial fishing license for application approval. Be sure to renew license(s) **before** submitting this application. Applications will **NOT** be accepted if your state commercial marine fishing license has not been renewed for 2012.
- 2.) To participate in the summer flounder (fluke) aggregate program, you **MUST** possess a RI Summer Flounder (Fluke) Exemption Certificate/Permit.
- 3.) The review process may take several days so please plan accordingly, and submit your application as soon as possible.
- 4.) Any applicant who is permitted for the winter 1 aggregate program will **not** be eligible to participate in the summer aggregate program within the same year.

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 Nancy Scarduzio, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Marine Fisheries Section at (401) 423-1927.

**Submit completed applications to:**

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## 2012 APPLICATION FOR THE RI WINTER - 1 SUMMER FLOUNDER AGGREGATE LANDINGS PROGRAM

Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Vessel Federal Permit Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Rhode Island Summer Flounder (Fluke) Exemption Certificate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 **3,500 pounds of summer flounder per vessel per calendar week** in Rhode Island during the Winter 1 sub period as set forth in RIMF Regulations 7.7.1-1 (regulations in effect as of 1/1/2012) for the above named vessel. Cumulative landings of summer flounder for each week period may not exceed 3,500 pounds from the first Sunday of the first full week in February until the Winter I period ends on April 30, or until 90% of the Winter 1 quota has been caught, 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 summer flounder 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. The State's 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 Winter I sub period and must date back to January 1<sup>st</sup>.

5. Non-compliance with the provisions of RIMF Regulations 7.7.1-1 (regulations in effect as of 1/1/2012) 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 Winter I fishery. If for any reason a Winter I 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 Winter I 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 for summer flounder will terminate when the Winter I period ends on April 30<sup>th</sup>, or when 90% of the Winter 1 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 for summer flounder, per vessel, will be 500 pounds per vessel per calendar day 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 7.7.1-1 (regulations in effect as of 1/1/2012). **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 under operator)*

Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Rhode Island Commercial License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **2012 WINTER 1 AGGREGATE LANDINGS PROGRAM TIME PERIODS**

**Fluke:** 3,500 lbs per vessel per calendar week period as indicated below beginning on the Sunday of the 1<sup>st</sup> full week in February (February 5) until the Winter I period ends on April 30<sup>th</sup>, or until the program is terminated.

### Weeks:

February 5 – February 11

February 12 – February 18

February 19 – February 25

February 26 – March 3

March 4 – March 10

March 11 – March 17

March 18 – March 24

March 25 – March 31

April 1 – April 7

April 8 – April 14

April 15 – April 21

April 22 – April 28

April 29 – April 30 (only two days)