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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 625

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Summer Flounder Fishery

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notification of commercial quota transfer.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the State of North Carolina is transferring 150,000 lb (68,040 kg) of commercial summer flounder quota to the State of New York. NMFS adjusted the quotas and announces the revised commercial quota for each state involved.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 30, 1994.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulations implementing Amendment 2 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Summer Flounder Fishery are found at 50 CFR part 625. The regulations require annual specification of a commercial quota that is apportioned among the coastal states from North Carolina through Maine. The process to set the annual commercial quota and the percent allocated to each state is described in § 625.20.

The final rule implementing Amendment 5 to the FMP was published December 17, 1993 (58 FR 65936), and allows two or more states, under mutual agreement and with the concurrence of the Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, (Regional Director) to transfer or combine summer flounder commercial quota. The Regional Director is required to consider the criteria set forth in § 625.20(f)(1), in the evaluation of requests for quota transfers or combinations.

Further, the Regional Director is required to publish notification in the

Federal Register advising a state, and notifying Federal vessel permit and dealer permit holders, that effective upon a specific date, a portion of a state's commercial quota has been transferred to, or combined with, the commercial quota of another state.

North Carolina has agreed to transfer 150,000 lb (68,040 kg) of commercial quota to New York. The Regional Director has determined that the criteria set forth in § 625.20(f) have been met, and publishes this notification of quota transfers.

Classification

This action is taken under 50 CFR part 625 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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