



Northeast Region Bulletin

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Atlantic Bluefish 2013 and 2014 Final Specifications

Small Entity Compliance Guide

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The 2013 and 2014 final specifications for the Atlantic bluefish fishery have been approved. The Atlantic bluefish total allowable landings are 23.861 million lb for 2013 and 23.446 million lb for 2014. After transferring quota from the recreational sector to the commercial sector as provided by the regulations, and deducting research set-aside (RSA) quota, the final specifications are as follows:

	2013	2014
Transfer Amount (million lb)	4.686	4.342
RSA (million lb)	0.715	0.703
Commercial Quota (million lb)	9.076	8.674
Recreational Harvest Limit (million lb)	14.069	14.069
Recreational Possession Limit (fish per person)	15	15

Final 2013 and Preliminary 2014 Atlantic Bluefish State Commercial Allocations*

State	Percent Share	2013 State Quotas (lb) (RSA Quota Deducted)	2014 State Quotas (lb) (RSA Quota Deducted)
ME	0.6685	60,673	57,985
NH	0.4145	37,620	35,953
MA	6.7167	609,606	582,603
RI	6.8081	617,902	590,531
CT	1.2663	114,929	109,838
NY	10.3851	942,548	900,796
NJ	14.8162	1,344,713	1,285,146
DE	1.8782	170,465	162,914
MD	3.0018	272,443	260,374
VA	11.8795	1,078,179	1,030,419
NC	32.0608	2,909,829	2,780,933
SC	0.0352	3,195	3,053
GA	0.0095	862	824
FL	10.0597	913,014	872,570
Total	100.0001	9,075,976	8,673,941

*The 2014 state allocations may be adjusted to account for any state overage for 2013.

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