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NOTICE OF INCREASED 2011 SCUP LANDING LEVELS

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has implemented an increase to the 2011 scup (porgy) landing level allowances for both the commercial and recreational fisheries, commonly referred to as "quotas." The increase will become effective August 1, 2011.

The attached tables provide more information on the change in scup quotas for the remainder of 2011.

If the information in this letter is unclear, please call the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315 with any questions you may have. This letter doesn't contain all the regulations that pertain to scup, and consequently, has no legal force or effect. A copy of the regulations can be obtained through a link to the *Federal Register* at the NOAA Fisheries Service Northeast Regional Office website: <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>.

You may also receive permit holder letters by e-mail, including closure notices, by visiting our website and clicking on "Permit Holder Letters."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia A. Kurkul".

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996.

Table 1. Comparison of previous and revised scup quotas for 2011.

	Total Allowable Catch (TAC)	Total Allowable Landings (TAL)	Research Set-Aside (RSA)	Commercial Quota	Recreational Harvest Limit (RHL)
	Million lb				
Initial 2011 measures published at 75 FR 81498; December 28, 2010	24.10	20.00	.0396	15.29	4.30
Revised 2011 scup measures	31.92	26.50	unchanged	20.36	5.74

Table 2. Revised scup commercial quota allocations for 2011.

		Total Allowable Catch		Estimated Discards		Initial Quota		Final Adjusted Quota less Research Set-Aside (RSA)	
Quota Period	Percent Share	lb	mt	lb	mt	lb	mt	lb	mt
Winter I	45.11	11,231,307	5,094	1,907,070	865	9,324,237	4,229	9,184,725	4,166
Summer	38.95	9,697,615	4,399	1,646,650	747	8,050,965	3,652	7,930,504	3,597
Winter II	15.94	3,968,677	1,800	673,879	306	3,294,798	1,494	3,245,500	1,472
Total	100.0	24,897,600	11,293	4,227,600	1,918	20,670,000	9,376	20,360,730	9,235

Note: Adjustments to the Winter II possession limits, based on rollover of unused Winter I quota, will be published in July, 2011.