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Small Entity Compliance Guide

2005 ATLANTIC BLUEFISH SPECIFICATIONS

Dear Atlantic Bluefish Permit Holder:

This letter announces the Atlantic bluefish specifications for the fishing year 2005, including coastwide and state quotas, and the recreational possession limit. For 2005, the bluefish total allowable landings (TAL) are 30.853 million lb. After deducting the research set-aside of 297,750 lb, the commercial quota for 2005 is 10.398 million lb and the recreational harvest limit is 20.157 million lb. The individual state commercial quota allocations are shown in Attachment 1, and are based on the percentages specified in the Atlantic Bluefish Fishery Management Plan. There is a 15-fish per person recreational possession limit in 2005, the same as in 2004.

This letter does not contain all the regulatory provisions that pertain to the bluefish fishery, and consequently, has no legal force or effect. A copy of the regulations can be obtained through a link to the Office of the Federal Register at the NOAA Fisheries Services' Northeast Regional Office website: <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>.

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

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator



ATTACHMENT 1

Final State Commercial Allocations for the 2005 Atlantic Bluefish Fisheries

State	Percent of Quota	2005 Commercial Quota (lb)
ME	0.6685	69,515
NH	0.4145	43,102
MA	6.7167	698,448
RI	6.8081	707,952
CT	1.2663	131,678
NY	10.3851	1,079,912
NJ	14.8162	1,540,688
DE	1.8782	195,308
MD	3.0018	312,147
VA	11.8795	1,235,310
NC	32.0608	3,333,897
SC	0.0352	3,660
GA	0.0095	988
FL	10.0597	1,046,075
Total	100.0001	10,398,671