



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Service
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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Dear Atlantic Bluefish Dealer and Commercial Vessel Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you of an adjustment to the 2006 Atlantic bluefish commercial quota allocation for the State of New York. Landings in New York exceeded the allowable quota allocation during the 2005 fishing year. Therefore, this adjustment corrects the 2006 New York state quota allocation to account for this prior year's overage.

The commercial quota allocated to vessels landing Atlantic bluefish in New York for 2005 was 1,079,912 lb. Based on dealer reports, and other information available as of May 1, 2006, NOAA Fisheries Service has determined that the State of New York landed 1,131,309 lb of Atlantic bluefish in 2005, thus exceeding its 2005 adjusted commercial quota by 51,397 lb. On March 17, 2006, final specifications for the Atlantic bluefish fishery were published (71 FR 13776) indicating an adjusted commercial quota for New York of 826,923 lb. Consistent with the regulations regarding the disposition of overages, New York's 2006 Atlantic bluefish commercial quota is hereby reduced by 51,397 lb, from 826,923 lb to 775,526 lb.

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Sincerely,

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

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