



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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Northern Red Hake Possession Limit Reduction

Effective Date: August 24, 2015

The northern red hake commercial possession limit has been reduced from 1,500 lb to 400 lb per trip. Effective August 24, 2015, federally permitted vessels may not possess or land more than 400 lb of northern red hake per trip for the remainder of the 2015 fishing year (i.e., through April 30, 2016). Vessels that are on a trip when this possession limit reduction becomes effective may retain northern red hake in accordance with the previous possession limit of 1,500 lb for the remainder of that trip.

Additionally, dealers issued Federal dealer permits for small-mesh multispecies may not purchase northern red hake from a federally permitted vessel in excess of 400 lb per trip for trips started after the effective date. Federally permitted dealers must continue to report all fish purchased from any vessel.

For small entity compliance guides, this bulletin complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996. This notice is authorized by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Greater Atlantic Region.