



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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Atlantic Bluefish 2015 Final Specifications

Small Entity Compliance Guide

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We have implemented the 2015 final specifications for the bluefish fishery. The 2015 bluefish total allowable landings are 18.192 million lb. After transferring 1.579 million lb from the recreational sector to the commercial sector as provided by the regulations, the final specifications are shown below. This final rule also includes transfers of commercial quota from the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Florida to the State of New York, in the amounts shown, to ensure the New York state quota would not be exceeded.

- Commercial quota – 5,241,202 lb
- Recreational harvest limit – 12,951,344 lb
- Recreational possession limit – 15 bluefish per person

2015 Final Atlantic Bluefish State Commercial Allocations

| State | Percent Share | 2015 Commercial Quota (lb) Before Transfer | 2015 Transfer of Commercial Quota (lb) as of 7/6/2015 | Final 2015 Commercial Quota (lb) |
|-------|---------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ME | 0.6685 | 35,037 | | 35,037 |
| NH | 0.4145 | 21,725 | | 21,725 |
| MA | 6.7167 | 352,036 | | 352,036 |
| RI | 6.8081 | 356,826 | | 356,826 |
| CT | 1.2663 | 66,369 | | 66,369 |
| NY | 10.3851 | 544,304 | 300,000 | 844,304 |
| NJ | 14.8162 | 776,547 | | 776,547 |
| DE | 1.8782 | 98,440 | | 98,440 |
| MD | 3.0018 | 157,330 | | 157,330 |
| VA | 11.8795 | 622,629 | -150,000 | 472,629 |
| NC | 32.0608 | 1,680,371 | | 1,680,371 |
| SC | 0.0352 | 1,845 | | 1,845 |
| GA | 0.0095 | 498 | | 498 |
| FL | 10.0597 | 527,249 | -150,000 | 377,249 |
| Total | 100.0001 | 5,241,202 | | 5,241,202 |

Based on updated landings information through December 31, 2014 and revised Marine Recreational Information Program landings data on June 24, 2015, no commercial bluefish quota overages occurred in 2014.

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