



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.

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.