



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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Northeast Multispecies Common Pool Vessels

Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic Yellowtail Flounder Trip Limit Adjustment

Effective Date: January 20, 2015, through April 30, 2015

The landings limit for Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic (SNE/MA) yellowtail flounder has been reduced to **250 lb per day-at-sea, up to 500 lb per trip** for all common pool vessels for the remainder of the 2014 fishing year (through April 30, 2015).

If you have declared your trip through the vessel monitoring system (VMS) or interactive voice response system, and crossed the VMS demarcation line prior to January 20, 2015, you will not be subject to the new trip limits for that trip. Please contact us at (978) 281-9315 if you have any questions. Quota monitoring reports are updated weekly on the internet at <http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/>

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is this action being taken?	We are adjusting the SNE/MA yellowtail flounder trip limit to prevent an overage of the common pool annual quota for this stock.
How much of the quota has been caught?	Based on recent data, 79% of the SNE/MA yellowtail flounder quota has been caught.
What happens if the annual quota is exceeded?	If the 2014 fishing year quota is exceeded, the amount of the overage will be deducted from the common pool’s quota next year (i.e., fishing year 2015).

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