



# Northeast Region Bulletin

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## **Bluefish Fishery Closure**

*Effective Date: September 19, 2012*

The 2012 commercial bluefish quota allocated to Massachusetts has been harvested. Effective 0001 hours, September 19, 2012, fishing vessels issued a Federal permit for the bluefish fishery may no longer land bluefish in Massachusetts for the remainder of the 2012 calendar year. This closure is concurrent with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' closure of its commercial bluefish fishery to state permitted vessels and dealers, which is effective September 19, 2012.

Vessel owners issued Federal permits must continue to complete and submit vessel logbooks. Additionally, dealers issued Federal dealer permits for bluefish may not purchase bluefish from federally permitted vessels that land in Massachusetts for the remainder of the calendar year. Federally permitted dealers must also continue to report all fish purchases 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, Northeast Region.*