River herring / shad catch by Atlantic herring vessels

Report Run on: 3/19/2015

For data reported through: 3/18/2015

Monitoring period: **1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015**

Management Area	Current Week's Catch (mt)[1]	Reporting Week's Catch (mt)[2]	Cumulative Catch (mt)	Catch Cap (mt)	Percent of Catch Cap
Gulf of Maine Mid-water Trawl	0.0	0.0	0.0	86	0.00%
Cape Cod Mid-water Trawl	0.0	0.1	1.3	13	9.89%
Southern New England Bottom Trawl	0.9	0.8	55.1	89	61.96%
Southern New England Mid-water Trawl	3.8	3.7	17.3	124	13.92%
Total	4.7	0.0	73.7	312	23.62%

[1]River herring/shad catch reported for week ending 3/14/2015

[2]River herring/shad catch reported for week ending 3/21/2015

Notice

The river herring and shad (RH/S) catch caps are monitored based on the Atlantic herring fishing year (January 1-December 31). Once a RH/S catch cap is harvested, a 2,000 pound Atlantic herring possession limit goes into effect for that Catch Cap Area and gear type for the remainder of the fishing year.

On 12/4/2014, NMFS implemented the RH/S catch caps for the Atlantic herring fishery shown above. Trips landing greater then 6,600 lb of herring on or after 1/1/2015 will be included in the 2015 RH/S catch cap monitoring program.

The method for estimating RH/S catch by Atlantic herring vessels is similar to the method for estimating RH/S catch in the Atlantic mackerel fishery. This method replaces estimated pounds with observed pounds where available. The cumulative method uses catch from the entire year to estimate a RH/S catch ratio for each RH/S catch cap area and gear type. The RH/S catch ratio is calculated for a catch cap area and gear type by dividing observed RH/S catch for the year by the observed kept all (total amount of all species) for the year. RH/S pounds per unobserved trip are then estimated by multiplying the catch ratio by the kept all from unobserved Atlantic herring vessels fishing in that RH/S catch cap area with that gear type.

More information on this methodology can be found at click here. For questions regarding Atlantic herring management, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at 978-281-9315. For guidance on the most recent notification and reporting requirements please click here.

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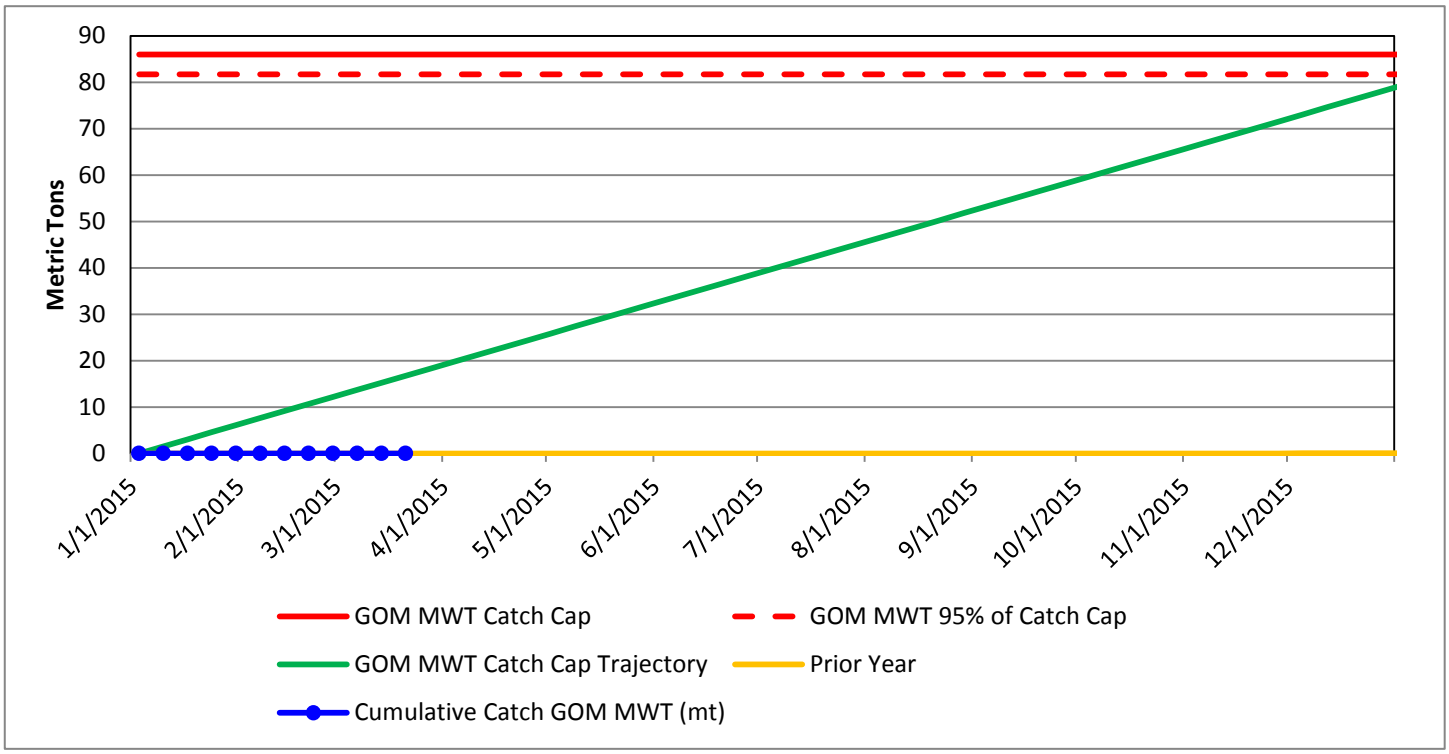
2015 Gulf of Maine Mid-water Trawl Catch Cap Report



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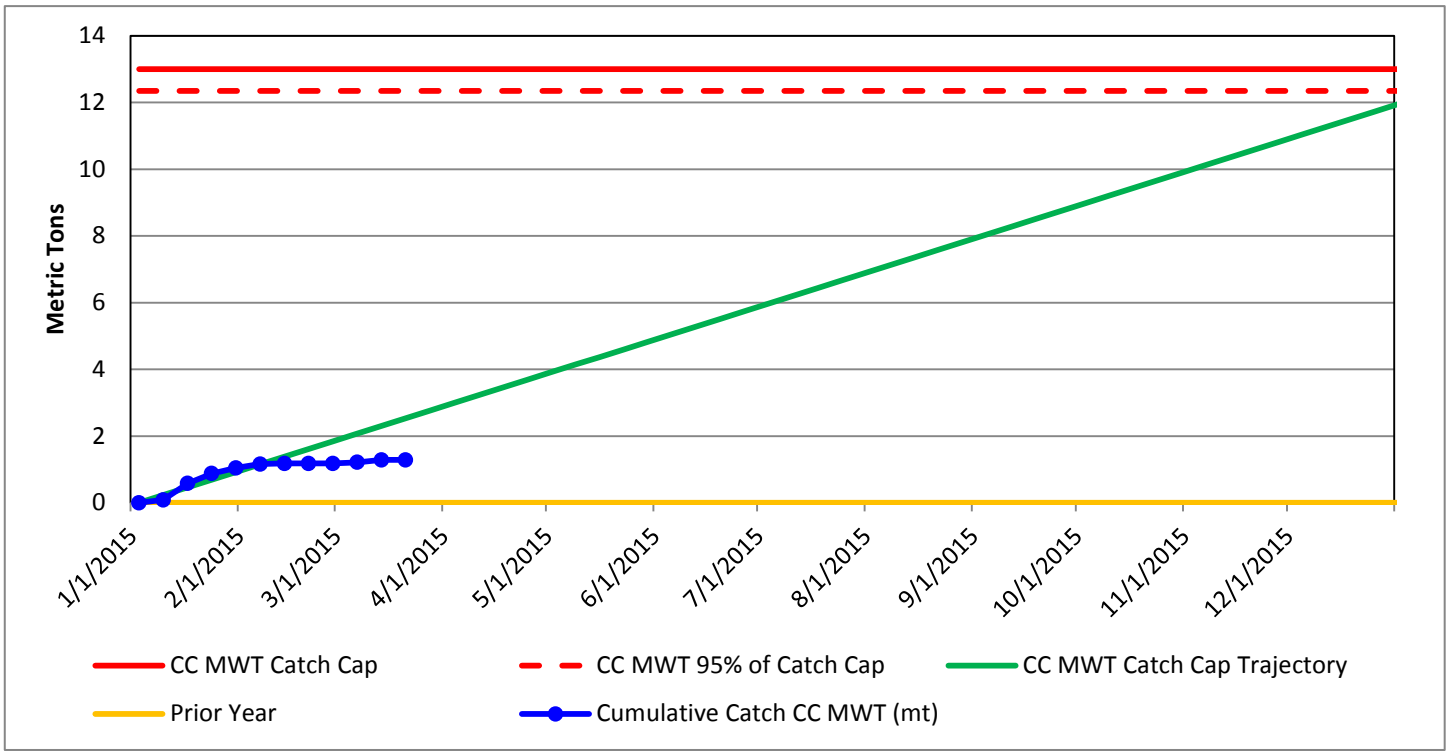

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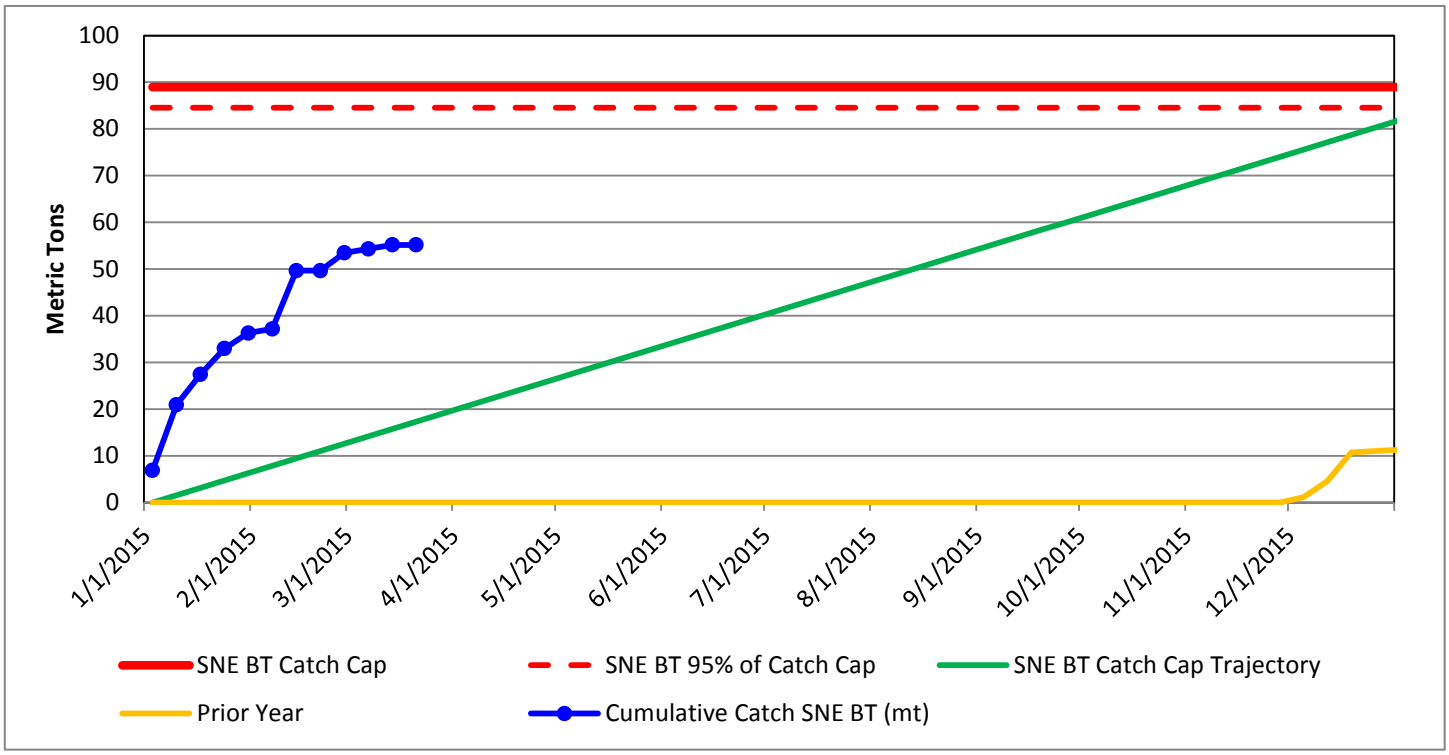
2015 Southern New England Bottom Trawl Catch Cap Report



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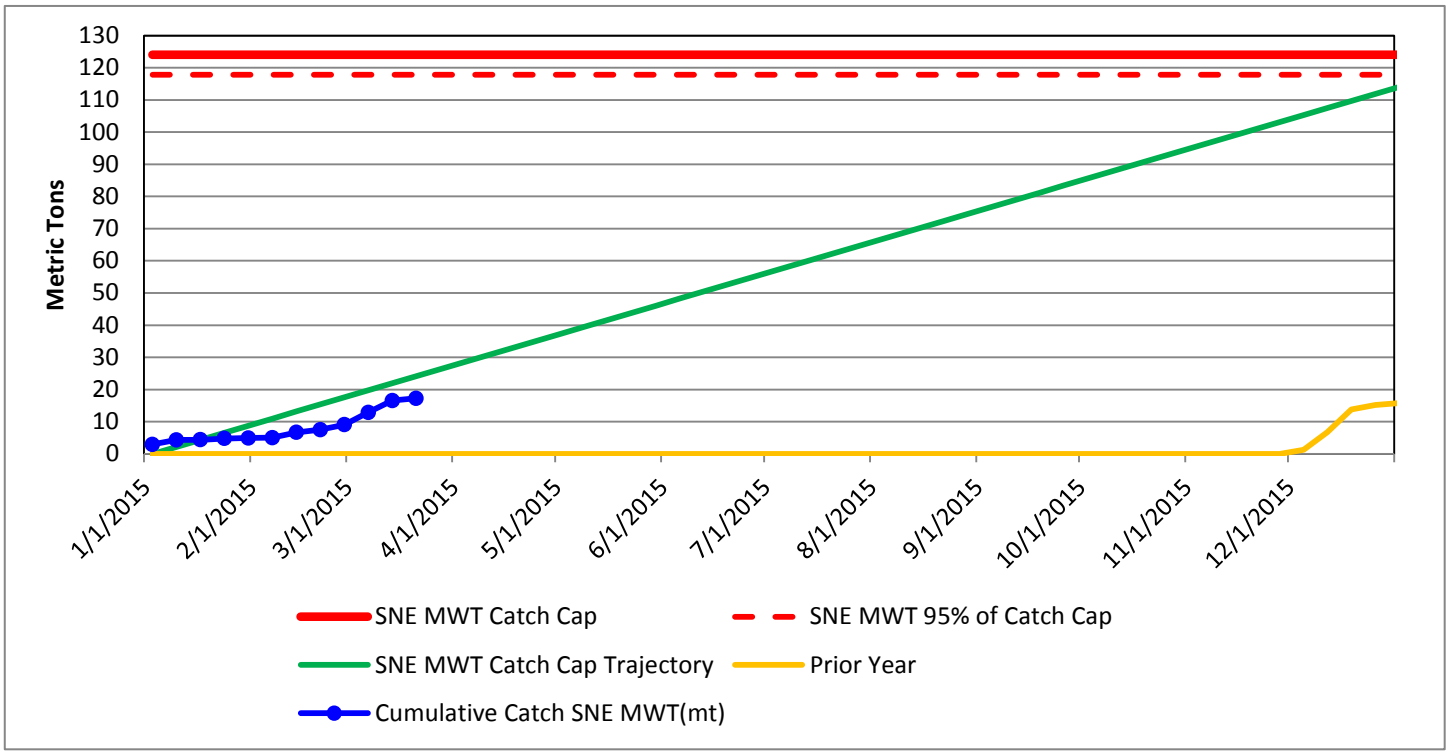
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