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MEMORANDUM TO: Distribution*

FROM: Fishery Statistics Office

SUBJECT: Final 2002 Surfclam/Ocean Quahog Report

Attached are the final 2002 surfclam/ocean quahog reports for trips landed through December 31, 2002 and received by April 15, 2003. Landings in the attached reports are based on the shellfish purchase reports submitted by dealers and processors, whereas in previous years the landings were based on shellfish logs submitted by vessels. All data should be considered preliminary and subject to change.

Please review the reports and contact Gerry Gaipo at (978) 281-9212 or via E-mail at gerry.gaipo@noaa.gov with any questions or changes you would like to see in the reports.

Attachment

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2002 NMFS Surfclam / Ocean Quahog Quota Report

May 20, 2003

The following figures are based on the 2002 dealer/processor shellfish reports for purchases made through December 31, 2002.

Species	Bushels	Percent of Quota	Quota (bushels)
Surfclam	3,112,661	99.3 %	3,135,000
Ocean Quahog	3,892,975	86.5 %	4,500,000
Maine Quahog	115,977	116.0 %	100,000
Maine ITQ	13,847	N/A	N/A

Data are provided by the Northeast Region/Fishery Statistics Office of NMFS

Effective 0001 hrs, October 24, 2002, fishing vessels holding Federal Maine mahogany quahog permits were prohibited from landing Maine mahogany quahogs harvested from within the Maine mahogany quahog zone through December 31, 2002, unless fishing under an ITQ allocation.

ITQ landings occurring in Maine are included in the last row in the above table. Maine ITQ landings are assumed to be reported in Maine bushels.



**2002 Surfclam/Ocean Quahog Landings
(preliminary data)**

	SURFCLAM	OCEAN QUAHOG	MAINE QUAHOG	MAINE ITQ
MONTH	BUSHEL	BUSHEL	BUSHEL	BUSHEL
JAN	282,472	264,289	8,766	
FEB	254,144	270,176	7,712	
MAR	239,741	267,604	8,083	
APR	278,158	382,880	8,450	
MAY	323,572	439,968	14,460	
JUN	324,416	380,032	18,533	
JUL	330,112	348,988	16,377	
AUG	345,057	389,520	16,416	
SEP	311,841	352,288	8,937	
OCT	149,568	288,962	6,394	
NOV	127,264	247,852	815	
DEC	146,316	260,416	1,034	
TOTALS	3,112,660	3,892,975	115,977	13,847

Data are provided by the Northeast Region/Fishery Statistics Office of NMFS.

Due to confidentiality, monthly figures for the Maine ITQ fishery are not published in this report.



