



Notice to Commercial Bluefish Fishermen

ADJUSTMENT

BLUEFISH COMMERCIAL FISHERY POSSESSION LIMIT

Effective 0001 hours, Monday October 1, 2012 the possession limit for the commercial harvest of bluefish is increased to 1,000 pounds.

Bluefish Quota Status: As of September 19, 2012: 39% of the annual quota has been harvested.

By regulation, if less than 80% of the annual bluefish quota has been landed by October 1, the possession limit shall be increased to 1,000 pounds until a total of 95% of the annual quota has been landed, at which time the possession limit will be reduced to 100 pounds.

The Department monitors landings and adjusts trip limits according to Department regulations in an attempt to fully utilize the available quota and provide fishing opportunity throughout the year for all participants in the commercial fishery. In addition, the Department strives to provide advance notification of trip limit changes, although this may not always be possible due to rapidly escalating or unanticipated landings. In such circumstances, only a short notification period may be possible.

For further information, contact the DEEP Marine Fisheries Division by email at deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov, by mail at P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371 or by telephone at 860.434.6043 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

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