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Commercial Fishery Possession and Landing Limits

Effective: April 15– May 1, 2021

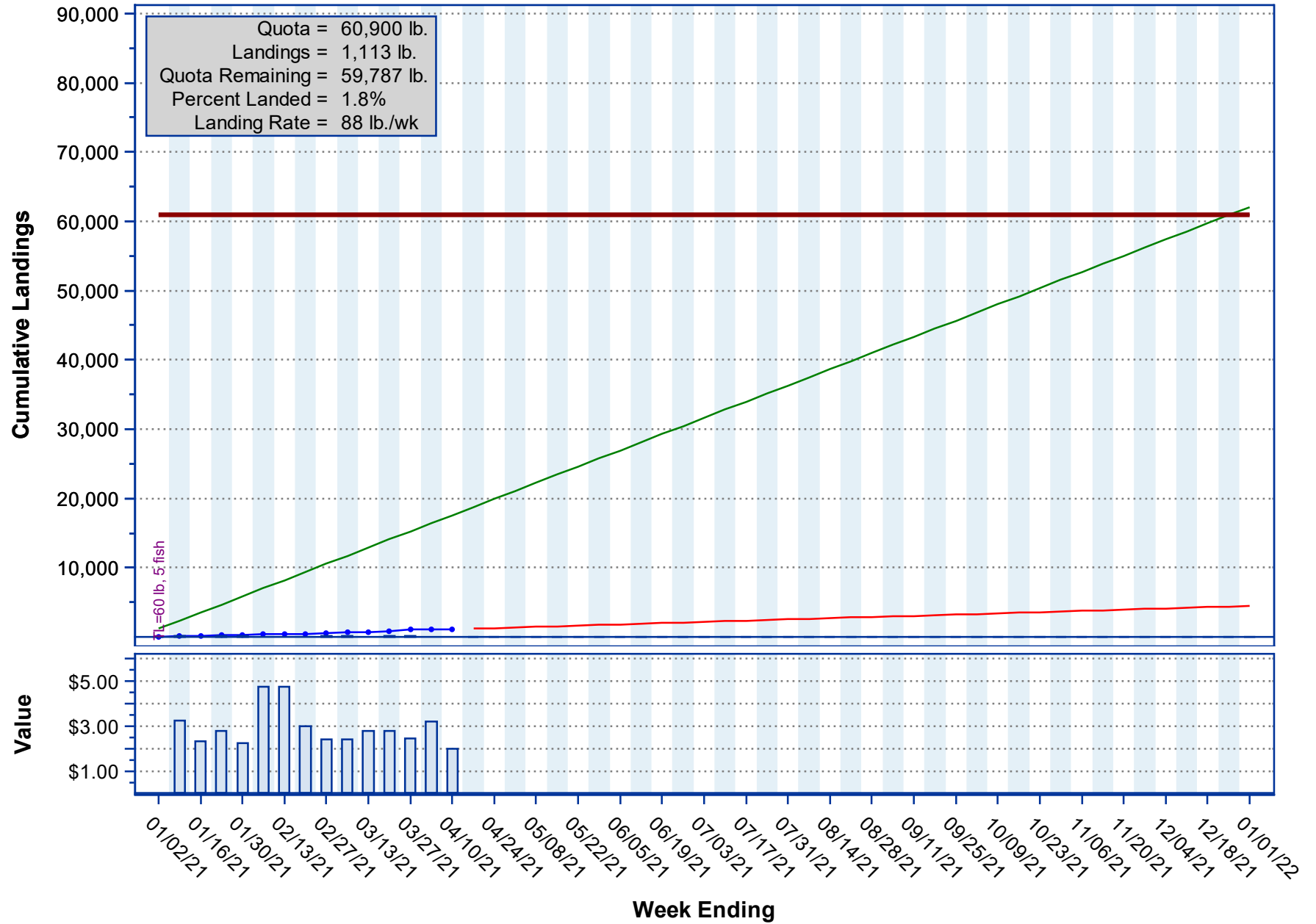
Species	Status	Limit	Comments
American Lobster	OPEN	Minimum size is 3 3/8"	Lobster Pot Allocation required to take lobsters by pot. During the Closed Season: Sep 8 – Nov 28, both dates inclusive, possession of lobster taken from Long Island Sound (LMA 6) is prohibited. Beginning November 15, gear may be redeployed, but traps may not be baited until November 22. Lobsters may be possessed and landed beginning November 29.
American shad	OPEN		Open: April 1– June 15, except weekends. American Shad may be taken in the Connecticut River only. Maximum gillnet soak time = 4 hours
Atlantic menhaden	OPEN	12,000 lb ¹ 120,000 lb ^{1,2}	¹ Call-in required when in possession of more than 6,000 lb. EnCon Police: 860-424-3503 ² Taken from outside of CT waters ³ The directed fishery is closed. The incidental fishery remains open with a 6,000 pound possession limit.
Black Sea Bass	OPEN	60 lb ¹ 5 fish ²	¹ Black Sea Bass License Endorsement required to take sea bass – INCLUDING from lobster traps. ² Possession limit for the commercial harvest of black sea bass caught in lobster traps and when in possession of lobsters, no license endorsement required. Minimum size: 11" See page 4 for quota status
Bluefish	OPEN	1,200 lb	Minimum size: 9" See page 5 for quota status
Horseshoe crab	CLOSED	25 crabs by trawl ¹ , 500 crabs by hand ¹	¹ Horseshoe Crab License Endorsement required. Open: May 22 – July 7, except weekends.
Jonah crab	OPEN	Lobster Pot: No Limit Other Gear: 1000 crabs	Minimum size = 4.75 inch carapace length
Scup	OPEN	50,000 lb ¹	¹ NO Scup License Endorsement letter is required to land scup during the Winter 1 and Winter 2 periods (Jan-April, Oct-Dec) ² Scup License Endorsement required May 1 – Sep 30, EXCEPT: (A) Under a Restricted Commercial Fishing License: 60 fish limit (B) In the Lobster Pot Fishery: 10 fish limit Minimum size: 9" See page 6 for quota status
Spiny dogfish	OPEN	6,000 lb ¹	ASMFC allocation to New England region: 17,144,556 lb ¹ By fisherman agreement first dorsal fin must remain attached to the carcass as required by ASMFC FMP
Smooth dogfish	OPEN	500 lb ¹	¹ By fisherman agreement first dorsal fin must remain attached to the carcass as required by ASMFC FMP. See page 8 for quota status
Summer flounder	OPEN	4,000 lb ^{1,2} bi-weekly The two-week periods are: 3/28-4/10 4/11-4/24	¹ Summer Flounder License Endorsement required. ² When required prior to departure and again before offloading call EnCon Police at 860-424-3503 24/7 and provide vessel name, captain's name, departure date, return date, port of landing and prior to offloading, the hail weight of fluke onboard. Minimum size: 14" See page 7 for quota status
Tautog*	OPEN*	10 fish ¹ 3 fish ²	¹ When fishing under a Limited Access Commercial Fishing License. ² When fishing under Restricted Commercial Fishing Licenses. Open seasons are: April 1-30, July 1-Aug 31, Oct 8 - Dec 24. *Tautog tagging program mandated for 2021: 2021 APPLICATION Minimum size: 16"
Winter flounder	OPEN	50 lb or 38 fish	State waters closed to harvest March 1 through April 14. Federally permitted vessels are permitted to land the higher federal limits of fish taken from federal waters. Minimum Size: 12 inches.
Weakfish	OPEN	100 lb	Minimum size: 16"

Principal State Quota-Managed Species – 2021 Adjustments.

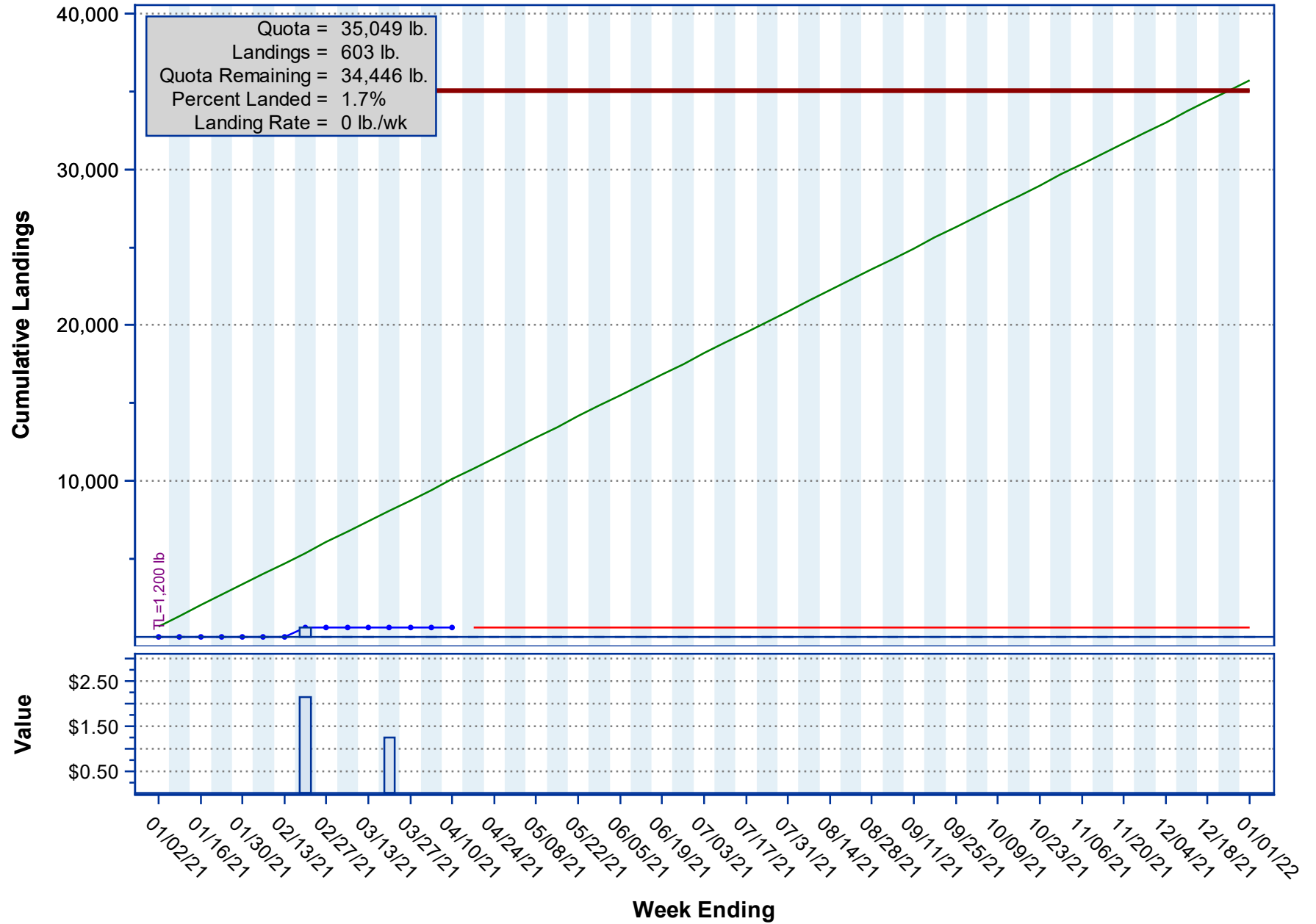
	Summer Flounder	Scup	Black Sea Bass	Bluefish
	Minimum Size: 14” 2021 quota = 579,376 lb (initial) CT share=12.375% of coast-wide annual quota.	Minimum Size: 9” 2021 summer period quota = 251,848 lb (initial) CT share=3.154% of summer period coast-wide quota.	Minimum Size: 11” 2021 quota = 60,900 lb (initial) CT share= 1% of coastwide annual quota.	Minimum Size: 9” 202 quota = 35,049 lb (initial) CT share= 1.2663% of coastwide annual quota.
March 14	4,000 lb bi-weekly	50,000 lb	60 lb	1,200 lb
January 31	3,000 lb bi-weekly	50,000 lb	60 lb	1,200 lb
January 1	2,400 lb bi-weekly	50,000 lb	60 lb	1,200 lb
Winter 1 Period	Jan 1 – Apr 30 2,400 lb bi-weekly The first bi-weekly period begins Sunday, January 3 rd and runs through Saturday, January 16 th . Each subsequent bi-weekly period will begin on Sunday at 0001 hours and end the second Saturday night at 2359 hours. The two week periods are: 1/3-1/16 1/17-1/30 1/31-2/13 2/14-2/27 etc. <u>Call-in/Call-out required</u> Adjust limit to land not more than 25% of the annual quota by April 30. Once reached, possession limit will drop to 50 lb. Summer Flounder License Endorsement required.	Jan 1 – Apr 30 50,000 lb (Federal Winter 1 guidelines) No Scup License Endorsement Required during Winter 1 nor Winter 2 periods. Dropping to 1,000 lb when 80% of the period quota has been harvested.	Jan 1 – Apr 30 60 lb The limit will be adjusted periodically to maintain a steady weekly landing rate with the goal of landing not more than 33% of the annual quota through April 30 th A black sea bass license endorsement is required to land sea bass, except that in the commercial lobster fishery when in possession of lobsters, the possession limit is 5 fish.	Jan 1 – Apr 30 1,200 lb Adjust limit to land not more than 33% of the annual quota by Apr 30.
PLANNED Summer Period	May 1 – Oct 31 250 lb all gears. Summer Flounder License Endorsement required. Adjusted periodically to maintain consistent weekly landings rate and to prevent in-season closure. Target landing approximately 2% of annual quota/wk. (8.33% month).	May 1 – Sep 30 1,000 lb for Scup License Endorsement Holders, 60 fish without Scup Endorsement <i>and</i> fishing under a Restricted Commercial Fishing License. Commercial lobster pot fisherman may, when in possession of lobster, possess 10 Scup. Adjusted periodically to maintain consistent weekly	May 1 – Oct 31 150 lb The limit will be adjusted periodically to maintain a steady weekly landing rate with the goal of landing not more than 84% of the annual quota through April 31 st	May 1 – Oct 31 1,200 lb all gears. Adjusted periodically to prevent in-season closure. To prevent significant change in the character of the fishery, the possession limit will not exceed 1,500lb. Target landing approximately 2+%

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	Leave ~5% for Nov 1- Dec 31 (Winter 2).	landings rate, prevent in-season closure and take 100% of the summer period quota by September 30.	A black sea bass license endorsement is required to land sea bass, except that in the commercial lobster fishery when in possession of lobsters, the possession limit is 5 fish.	of the annual quota/wk. (8.33+%/month).
PLANNED Winter 2 Period	Nov 1 – Dec 31 1,200 lb per week Summer Flounder License Endorsement required. Adjust to prevent in-season closure if possible.	Oct 1 – Dec 31 12,000 lb (Federal Winter 2 guidelines). This limit may be adjusted based on Winter 1 fishery performance. No Scup License Endorsement required during Winter 2.	Nov 1 – Dec 31 60 lb The limit will be adjusted periodically to maintain a steady weekly landing rate with the goal of landing not more than 100% of the annual quota through the end of the year. A black sea bass license endorsement is required to land sea bass, except that in the commercial lobster fishery when in possession of lobsters, the possession limit is 5 fish.	Nov 1 – Dec 31 1,200 lb all gears. Adjust to prevent in-season closure.

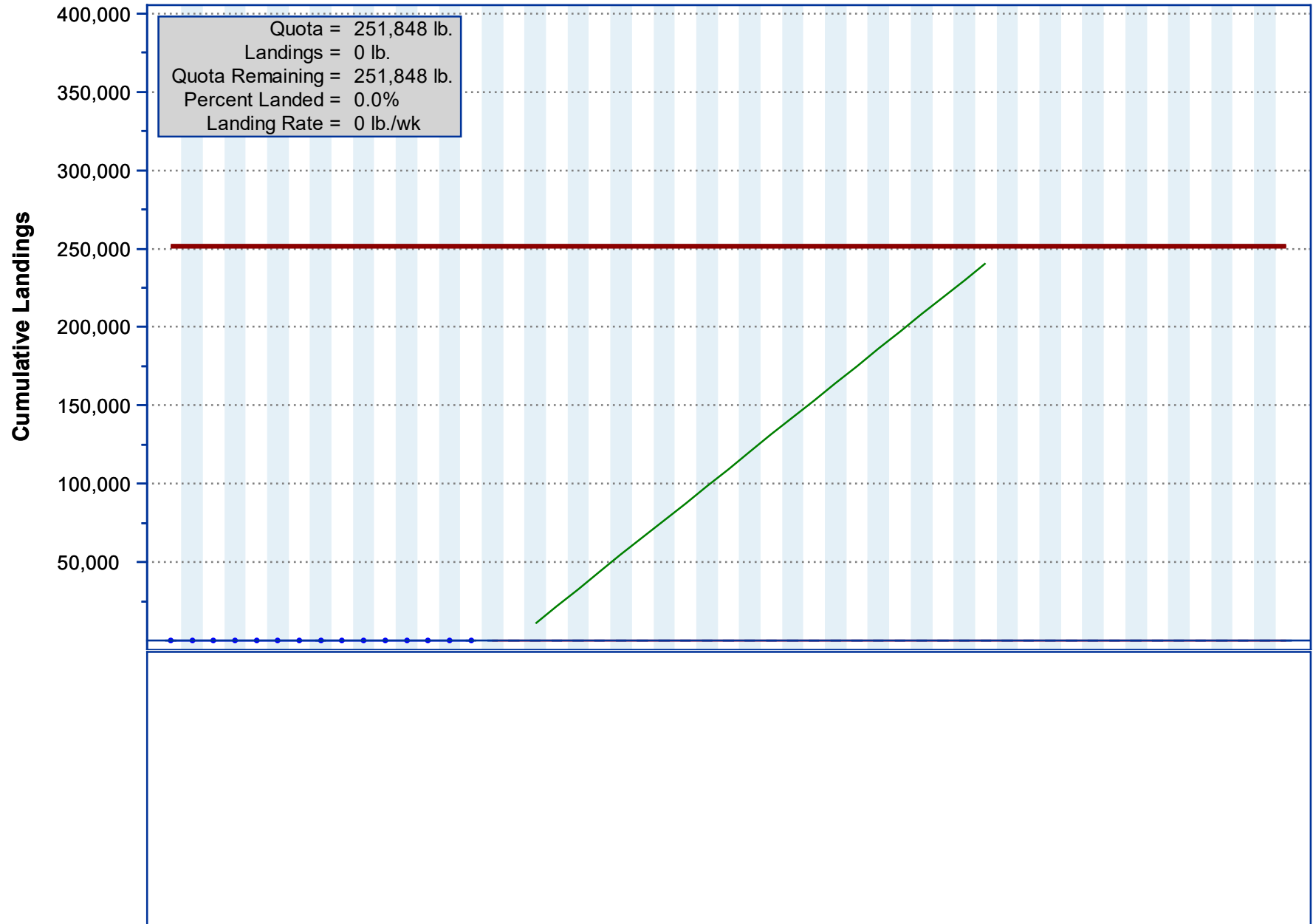
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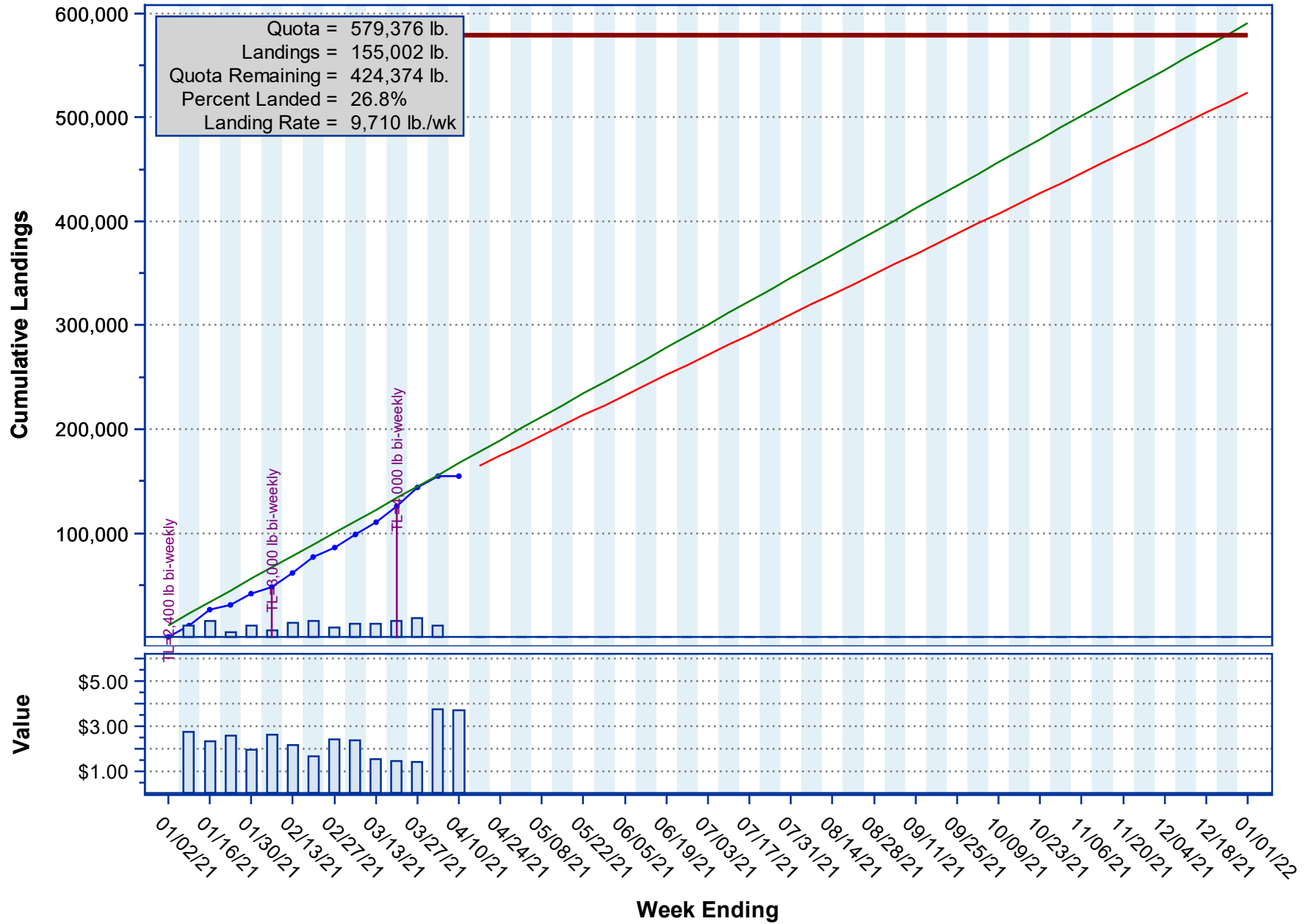
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2021 Weekly Scup Landings for Quota Monitoring



2021 Weekly Summer Flounder Landings for Quota Monitoring



2021 Weekly Smooth Dogfish Landings for Quota Monitoring

