

## Commercial Fishery Possession and Landing Limits

Effective: May 13, 2022-May 31, 2022

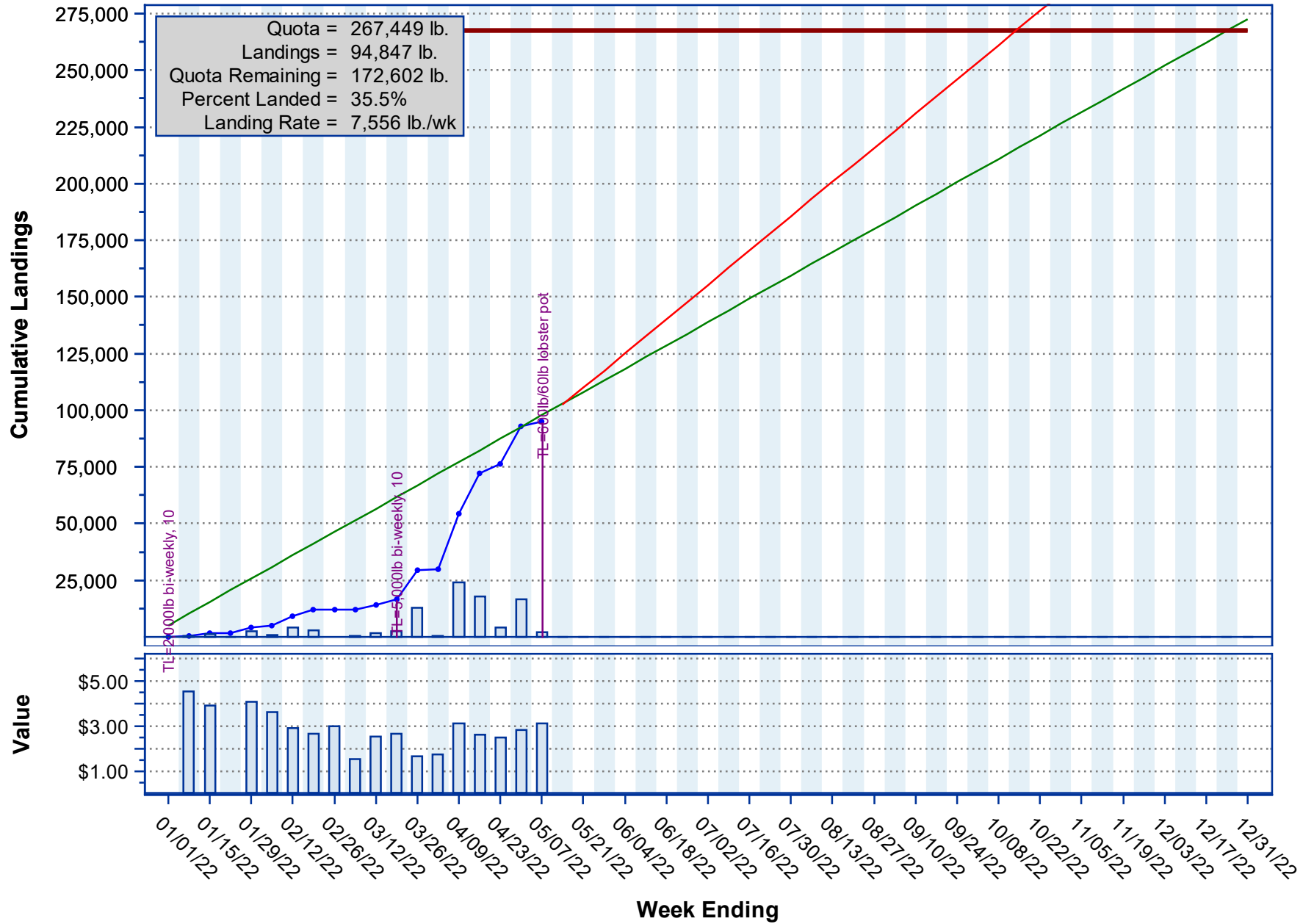
Species	Status	Limit	Comments
American Lobster	OPEN		Lobster Pot Allocation required to take lobsters by pot. During the Closed Season: Sep 8 – Nov 28, both dates inclusive, possession of lobster taken from Long Island Sound (LMA 6) is prohibited. Minimum size is 3 3/8"
American shad	OPEN		Open: April 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 <sup>1</sup> 120,000 lb <sup>1,2</sup>	<sup>1</sup> Call-in required when in possession of more than 6,000 lb. EnCon Police: 860-424-3503 <sup>2</sup> Taken from outside of CT waters <sup>3</sup> The directed fishery is closed. The incidental fishery remains open with a 6,000 pound possession limit.
Black Sea Bass	OPEN	600 lb <sup>1</sup> 60lb <sup>2</sup>	<sup>1</sup> Black Sea Bass License Endorsement required to take sea bass – INCLUDING from lobster traps. <sup>2</sup> Possession limit for the commercial harvest of black sea bass caught in lobster traps and when in possession of lobsters, no license endorsement required. Does not apply to personal use lobster license holders. Call-in required for landings from lobster pots, provide name, plate number, reporting week ending date and total pounds landed from pots during the reporting week: 860-447-4323 Minimum size: 11" <b>See page 4 for quota status</b>
Bluefish	OPEN	1,200 lb	Minimum size: 9" <b>See page 5 for quota status</b>
Horseshoe crab	CLOSED	150 crabs by hand <sup>1</sup> 25 crabs by trawl	<sup>1</sup> Horseshoe Crab License Endorsement required. Open June 2-July 7, except weekends and CLOSED June 12-June 16 (lunar full moon)
Jonah crab	OPEN	Lobster Pot: No Limit Other Gear: 1000 crabs	Minimum size = 4.75 inch carapace length
Scup	OPEN	1,500lb <sup>2</sup> 60lb <sup>A</sup> , 10 fish <sup>B</sup>	<sup>1</sup> NO Scup License Endorsement letter is required to land scup during the Winter 1 and Winter 2 periods (Jan-April, Oct-Dec) <sup>2</sup> Scup License Endorsement required May 1 – Sep 30, EXCEPT: (A) Under a Restricted Commercial Fishing License: 60 fish limit (B) In the commercial Lobster Pot Fishery: 10 fish limit Minimum size: 9" <b>See page 6 for quota status</b>
Spiny dogfish	OPEN	6,000 lb <sup>1</sup>	ASMFC allocation to New England region: 17,144,556 lb <sup>1</sup> By fisherman agreement first dorsal fin must remain attached to the carcass as required by ASMFC FMP
Smooth dogfish	OPEN	500 lb <sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup> By fisherman agreement first dorsal fin must remain attached to the carcass as required by ASMFC FMP. <b>See page 8 for quota status</b>
Summer flounder	OPEN	1,000lb <sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup> Summer Flounder License Endorsement required. <sup>2</sup> 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" <b>See page 7 for quota status</b>
Tautog*	CLOSED	10 fish <sup>1</sup> 3 fish <sup>2</sup>	<sup>1</sup> When fishing under a Limited Access Commercial Fishing License. <sup>2</sup> When fishing under Restricted Commercial Fishing Licenses. Open seasons are: April 1-30, July 1-Aug 31, Oct 8 - Dec 24. <b>*Tautog tagging program mandated for 2022: <a href="#">APPLICATION</a></b> 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"
Weakfish	OPEN	100 lb	Minimum size: 16"

## Principal State Quota-Managed Species – 2022 Adjustments.

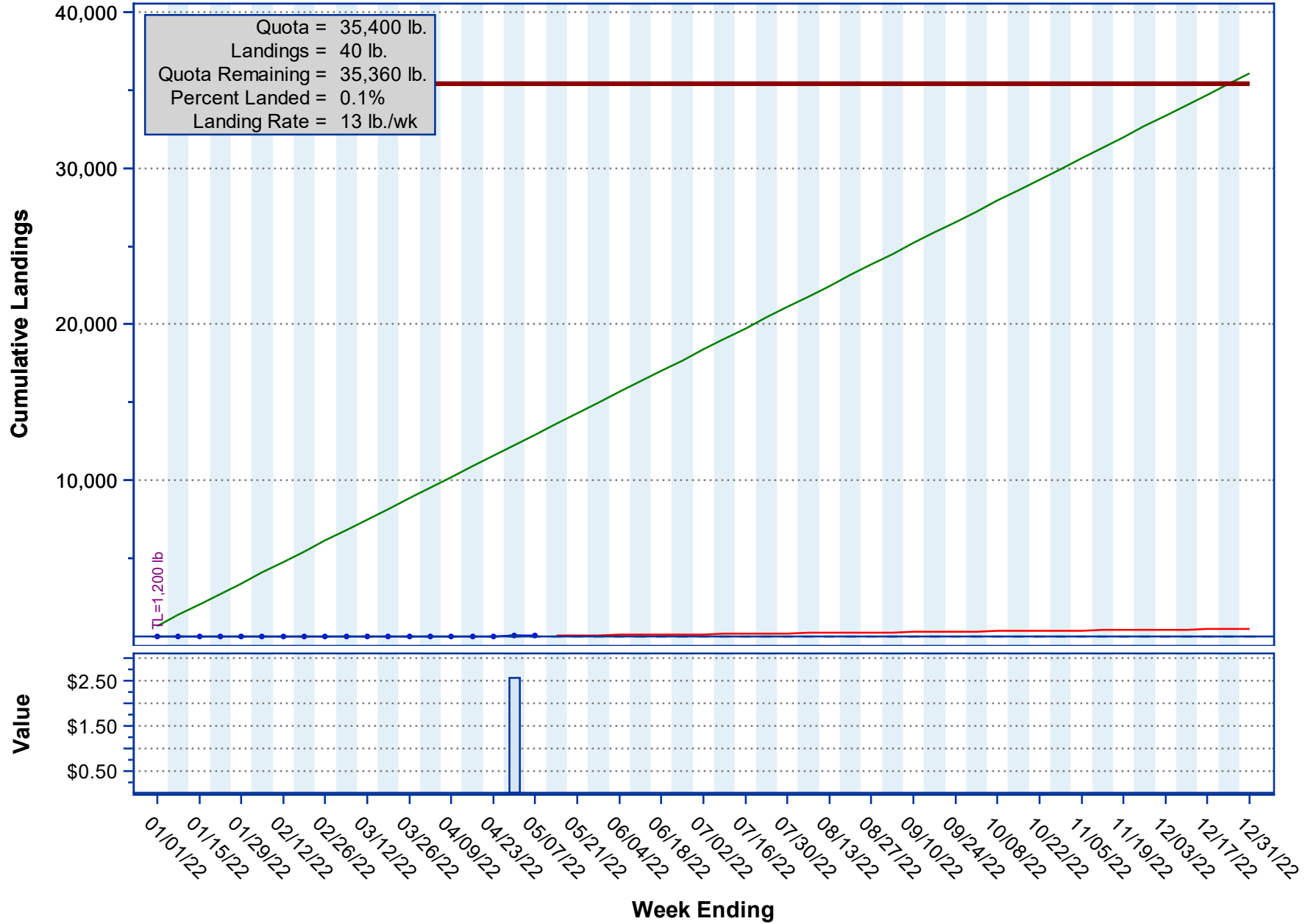
	<b>Summer Flounder</b>	<b>Scup</b>	<b>Black Sea Bass</b>	<b>Bluefish</b>
	Minimum Size: 14” 2022 quota = 956,043 lb (initial) CT share=12.375% of coast-wide annual quota.	Minimum Size: 9” 2022 summer period quota = 250,430 lb (initial) CT share=3.154% of summer period coast-wide quota.	Minimum Size: 11” 2022 quota = 237,449 lb (initial) CT share= 3.67% of coastwide annual quota.	Minimum Size: 9” 2022 quota = 35,400 lb (initial) CT share= 1.00% of coastwide annual quota.
May 8	1,000 lb	1,500 lb, 60 fish, 10 fish	600 lb, 60 lb	1,200 lb
May 1	700 lb	1,500 lb, 60 fish, 10 fish	600 lb, 60 lb	1,200 lb
April 26	7,000 lb aggregate (4/24-4/30)	50,000 lb	CLOSED	1,200 lb
March 17	7,000 lb bi-weekly	50,000 lb	5,000 lb bi-weekly	1,200 lb
<b>PLANNED Summer Period</b>	May 1 – Oct 31 700 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). Leave ~5% for Nov 1- Dec 31 (Winter 2).	May 1 – Sep 30 1,500 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. Does not apply to personal use lobster license holders. Adjusted periodically to maintain consistent weekly landings rate, prevent in-season closure and take 100% of the summer period quota by September 30.	May 1 – Oct 31 600 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 10 fish. Does not apply to personal use lobster license holders.	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+% of the annual quota/wk. (8.33+%/month).
<b>PLANNED Winter 2 Period</b>	Nov 1 – Dec 31 3,000 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 1,500 lb per week 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	Nov 1 – Dec 31 1,200 lb all gears. Adjust to prevent in-season closure.

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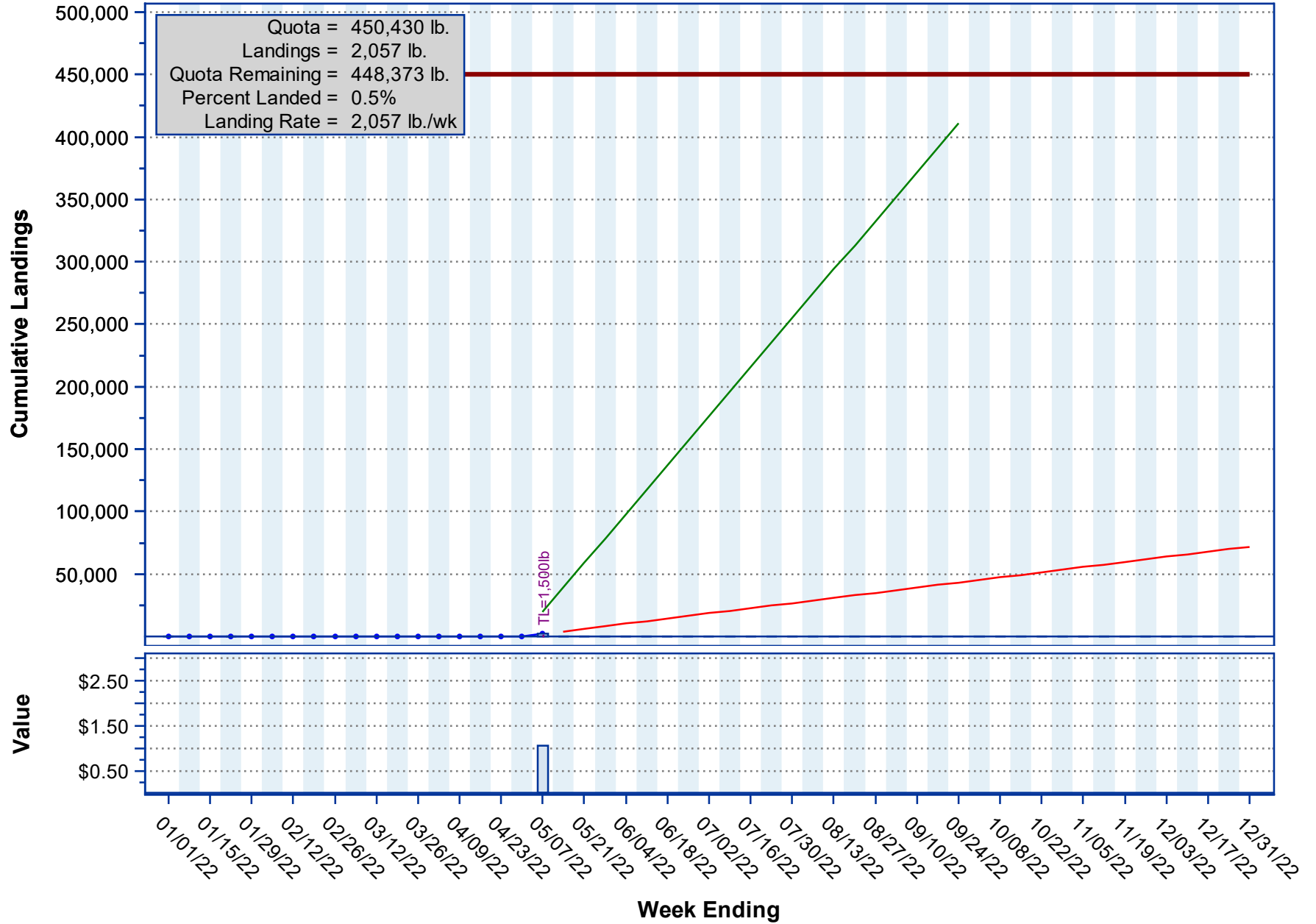
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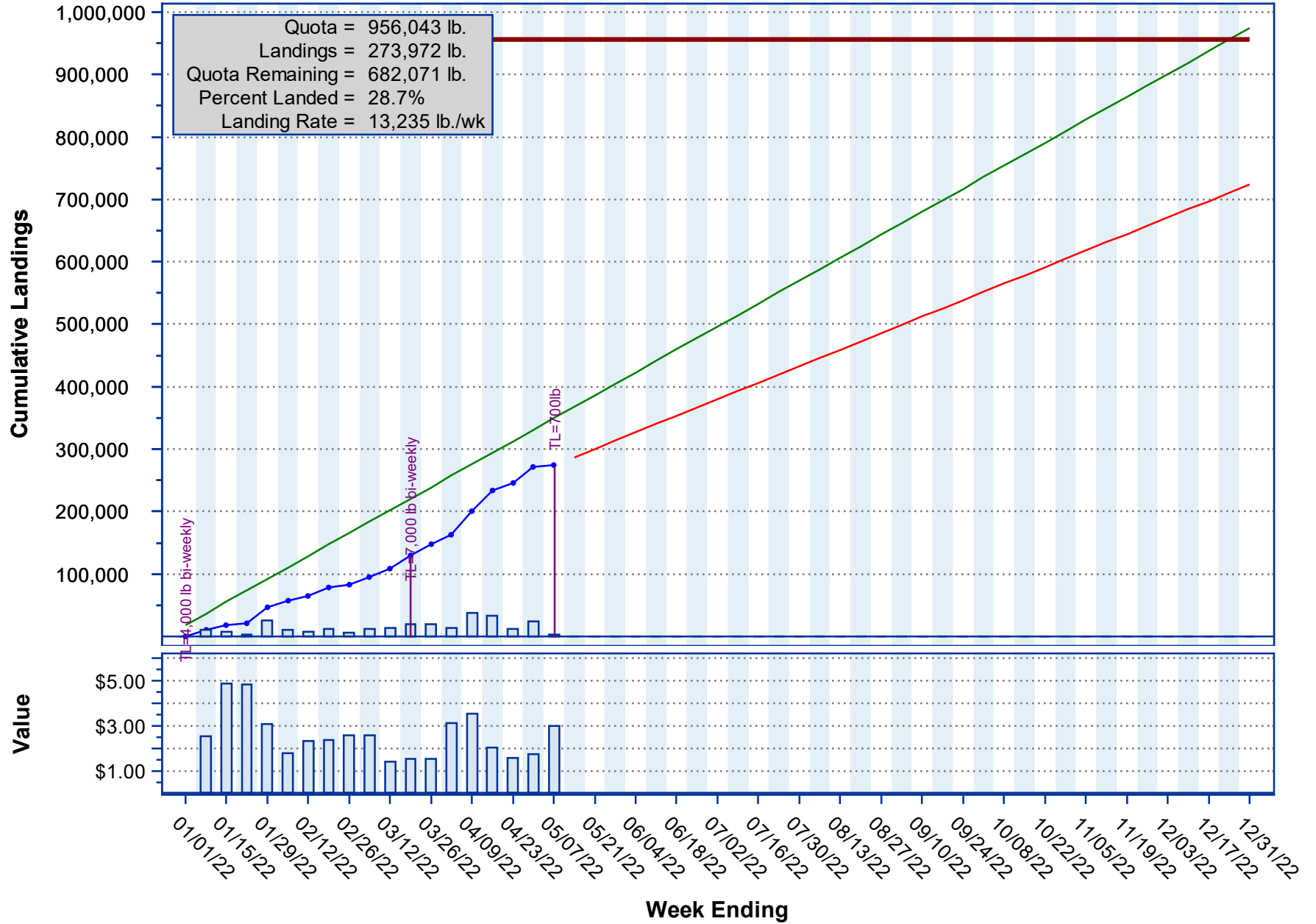
### 2022 Weekly Bluefish Landings for Quota Monitoring



### 2022 Weekly Scup Landings for Quota Monitoring



### 2022 Weekly Summer Flounder Landings for Quota Monitoring



### 2022 Weekly Smooth Dogfish Landings for Quota Monitoring

