

Commercial Fishery Possession and Landing Limits

Effective: April 3-April 14, 2020

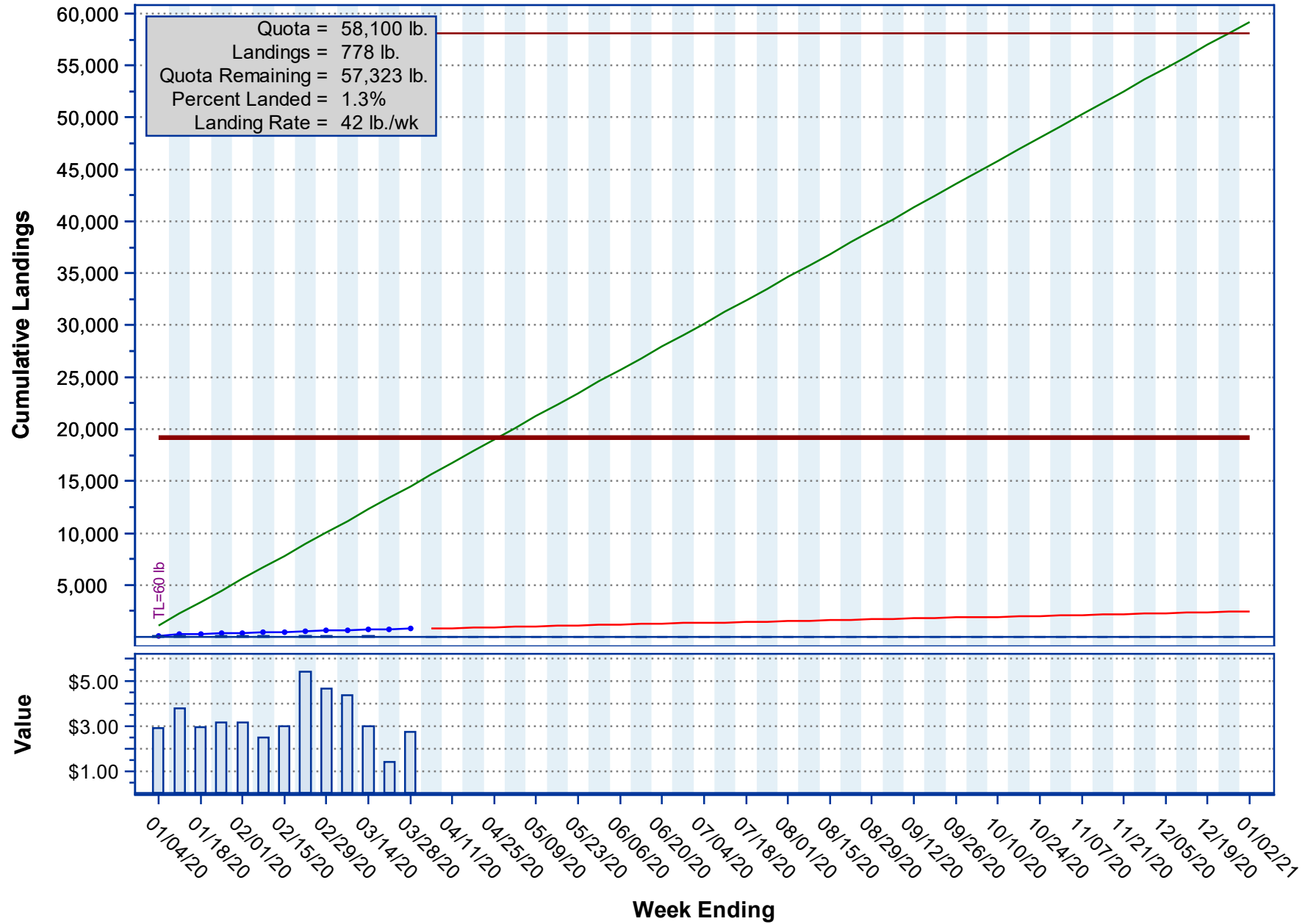
Species	Status	Limit	Comments
American Lobster	OPEN	Minimum size is 3 3/8"	Lobster Pot Allocation required to take lobsters by pot. During the Closed Season: Sep 8 – Nov 28, both dates inclusive, possession of lobster taken from Long Island Sound (LMA 6) is prohibited. Beginning November 15, gear may be redeployed, but traps may not be baited until November 22. Lobsters may be possessed and landed beginning November 29.
American shad	CLOSED		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	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	¹ Black Sea Bass License Endorsement required to take sea bass - INCLUDING from lobster traps. ² Call-In required. See Summer flounder notation for details. Minimum size: 11" See page 4 for quota status
Bluefish	OPEN	500 lb	Minimum size: 9" See page 5 for quota status
Horseshoe crab	CLOSED		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 is required to land scup from October 1 – April 30. 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: ¹ By fisherman agreement first dorsal fin must remain attached to the carcass as required by ASMFC FMP
Smooth dogfish	OPEN	200 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	50 lb ¹	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 temporarily suspended Minimum size: 16 inches.
Winter flounder	CLOSED Will open 4/15	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 inches.

Principal State Quota-Managed Species – 2020 Adjustments.

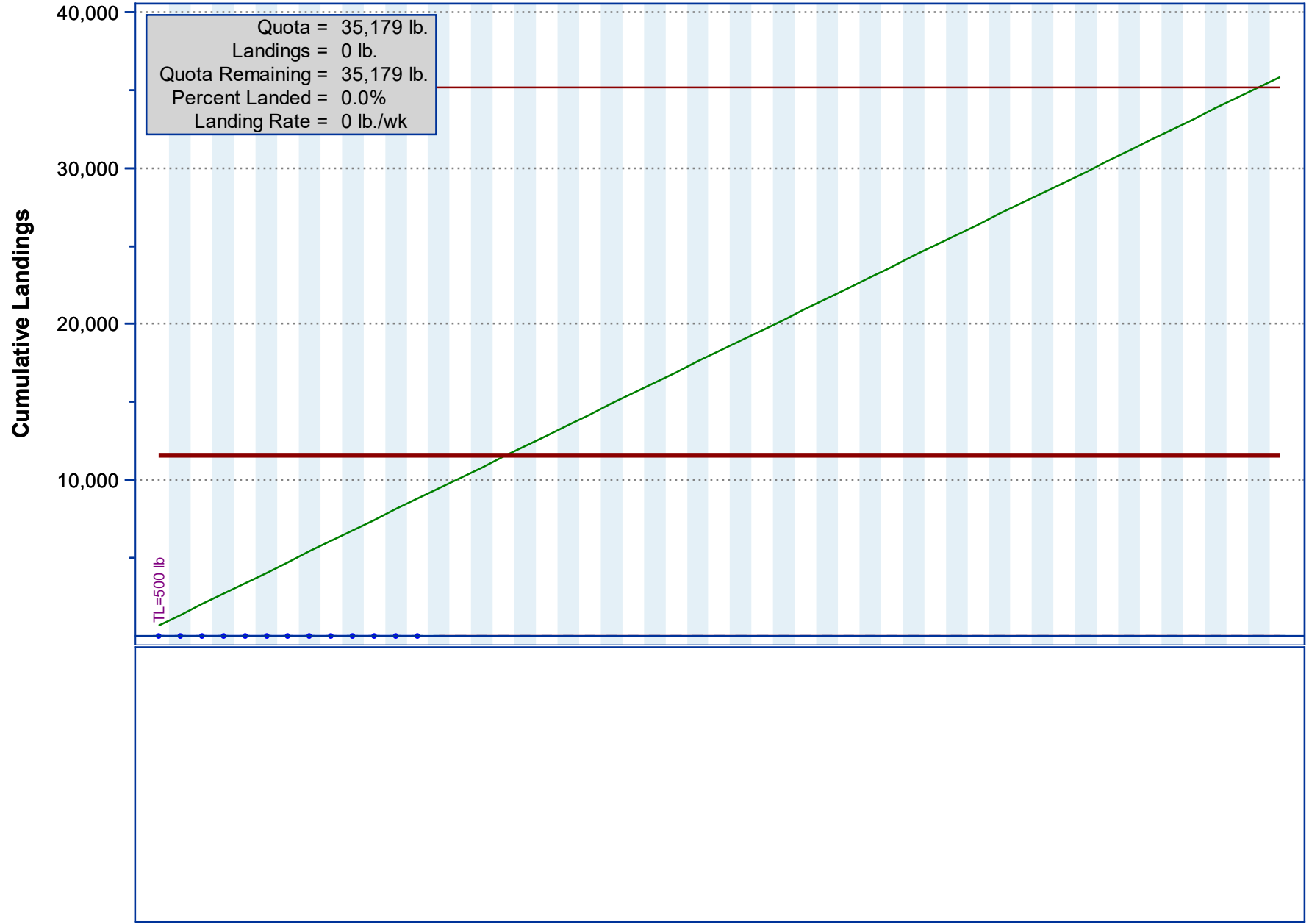
	Summer Flounder Minimum Size: 14” 2020 quota* = 260,241 lb (preliminary) CT share=2.25708% of coast-wide annual quota.	Scup Minimum Size: 9” 2020 summer period quota = 294,590 lb (preliminary) CT share=3.154% of summer period coast-wide quota.	Black Sea Bass Minimum Size: 11” 2020 quota = 35,200 lb* (preliminary) CT share= 1% of coastwide annual quota. *Expected to be 58,100 lb	Bluefish Minimum Size: 9” 2020 quota = 97,632 lb (preliminary) CT share= 1.2663% of coastwide annual quota.
March 29	50 lb	50,000 lb	60 lb	500 lb
January 19	1,200 lb bi-weekly (per two week period)	50,000 lb	60 lb	500 lb
January 1	600 lb per week	50,000 lb	60 lb	500 lb
Winter 1 Period	Jan 1 – Apr 30 1,200 lb per week The first bi-weekly period begins Sunday, January 19 th and runs through Saturday, February 1 st . 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: 1/19-2/1 2/2-2/15 2/16-2/29 3/1-3/14 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 or Winter 2 periods. Dropping to 1,000 lb when 80% of the period quota has been harvested.	Jan 1 – Apr 30 60 lb Black Sea Bass License Endorsement required for all gears <u>including</u> lobster pots.	Jan 1 – Apr 30 500 lb Adjust limit to land not more than 33% of the annual quota by Apr 30.
PLANNED Summer Period	May 1 – Oct 31 150 lb all gears. Summer Flounder License Endorsement required. Adjusted periodically to maintain consistent weekly landings rate and to prevent in-season closure.	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. Adjusted periodically to maintain consistent weekly landings rate, prevent in-season closure and take 100% of the	May 1 – Oct 31 60 lb Black Sea Bass License Endorsement required for all gears <u>including</u> lobster pots.	May 1 – Oct 31 500 lb all gears. Adjusted periodically to prevent in-season closure, but avoid excessive trip limits that change the character of the fishery.

	Summer Flounder	Scup	Black Sea Bass	Bluefish
	<p>Minimum Size: 14"</p> <p>2020 quota* = 260,241 lb (preliminary)</p> <p>CT share=2.25708% of coast-wide annual quota.</p>	<p>Minimum Size: 9"</p> <p>2020 summer period quota = 294,590 lb (preliminary)</p> <p>CT share=3.154% of summer period coast-wide quota.</p>	<p>Minimum Size: 11"</p> <p>2020 quota = 35,200 lb* (preliminary)</p> <p>CT share= 1% of coastwide annual quota.</p> <p>*Expected to be 58,100 lb</p>	<p>Minimum Size: 9"</p> <p>2020 quota = 97,632 lb (preliminary)</p> <p>CT share= 1.2663% of coastwide annual quota.</p>
	<p>Target landing approximately 2% of annual quota/wk. (8.33% month).</p> <p>Leave ~5% for Nov 1- Dec 31 (Winter 2).</p>	<p>summer period quota by September 30.</p>		<p>Target landing approximately 2+% of the annual quota/wk. (8.33+%/month).</p>
<p>PLANNED Winter 2 Period</p>	<p>Nov 1 – Dec 31</p> <p>75 lb all gears</p> <p>Summer Flounder License Endorsement required.</p> <p>Adjust to prevent in-season closure if possible.</p>	<p>Oct 1 – Dec 31</p> <p>12,000 lb</p> <p>(Federal Winter 2 guidelines).</p> <p>This limit may be adjusted based on Winter 1 fishery performance.</p> <p>No Scup License Endorsement required during Winter 2.</p>	<p>Nov 1 – Dec 31</p> <p>60 lb</p> <p>Black Sea Bass License Endorsement required for all gears <u>including</u> lobster pots.</p>	<p>Nov 1 – Dec 31</p> <p>500 lb all gears.</p> <p>Adjust to prevent in-season closure.</p>

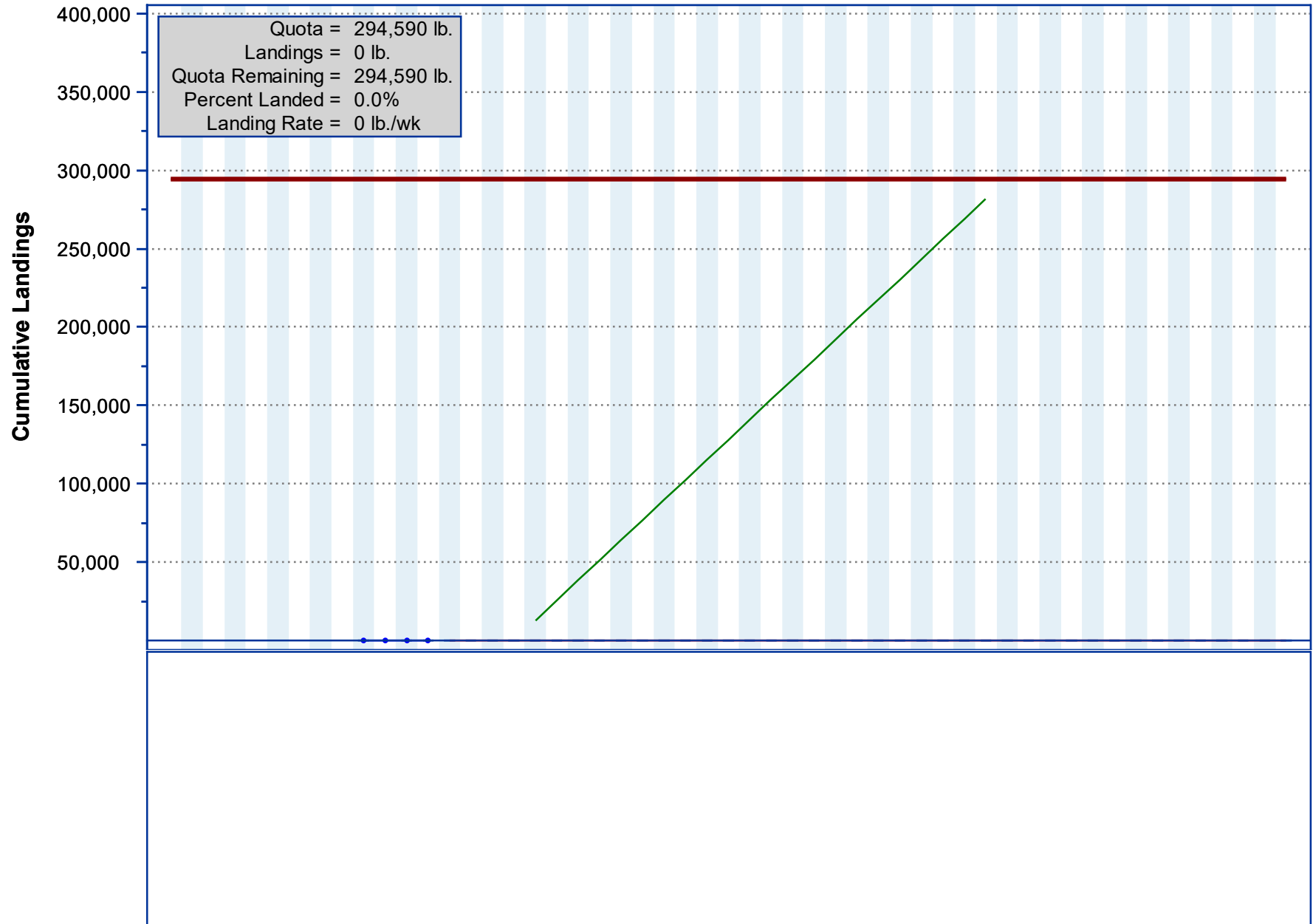
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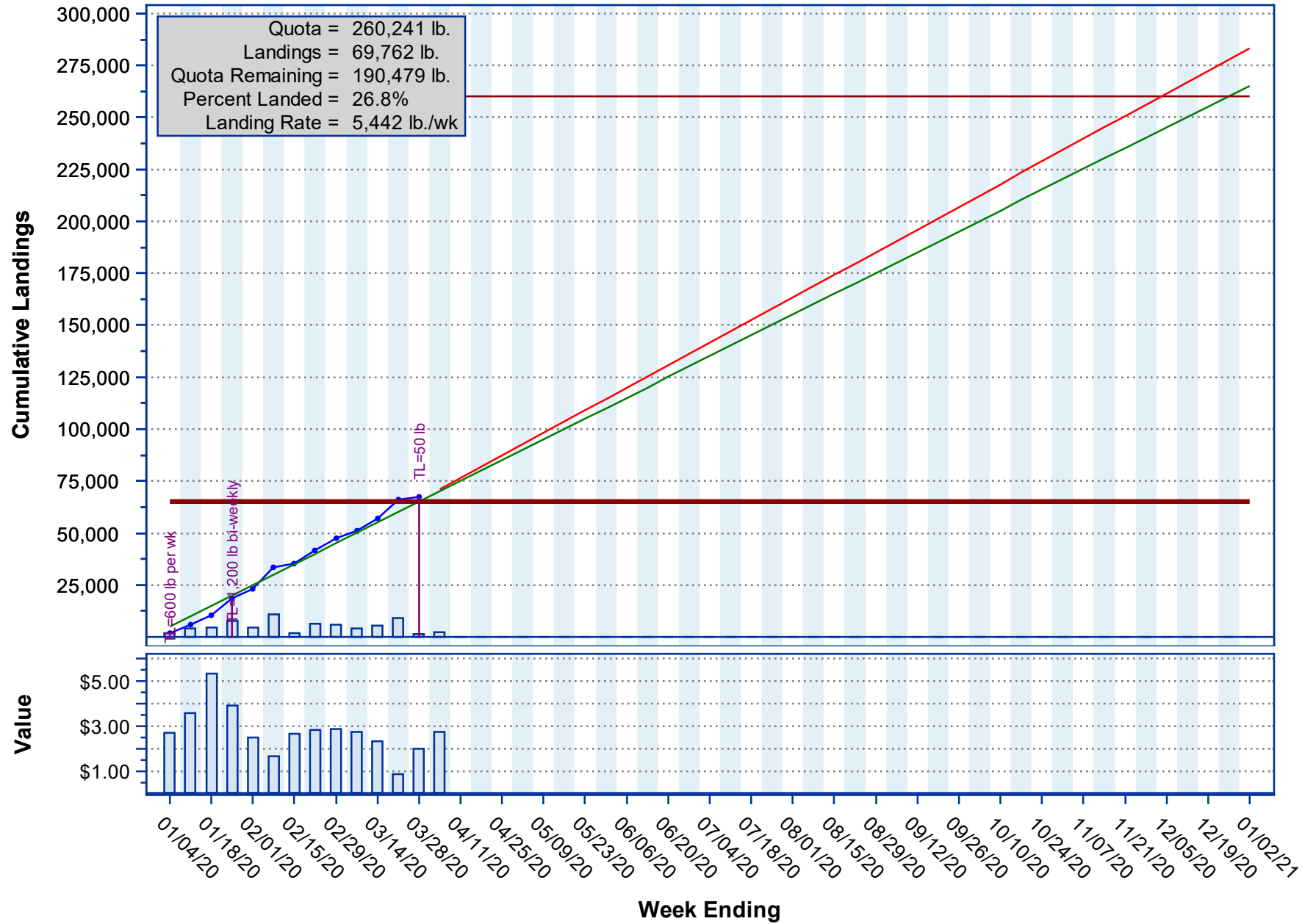
2020 Weekly Bluefish Landings for Quota Monitoring



2020 Weekly Scup Landings for Quota Monitoring



2020 Weekly Summer Flounder Landings for Quota Monitoring



2020 Weekly Smooth Dogfish Landings for Quota Monitoring

