



Commercial Fishery Possession Limit Increases

NOTICE

After reviewing recent commercial landings, the Department feels it is necessary to make the following increases to commercial summer flounder and black sea bass possession limits to ensure full utilization of 2021 commercial quotas.

Effective 0001 hours, Friday, June 25, 2021, the following possession limits will be in effect for Connecticut's commercial summer flounder and black sea bass fisheries:

Black Sea Bass:

- For holders of a Black Sea Bass License Endorsement: 200 pounds.
- From lobster pots when in possession of lobsters: 10 fish. This does not apply to personal use lobster license holders.

Summer Flounder:

- For holders of a Summer Flounder License Endorsement: 500 pounds.

For current commercial fishery trip limits and quota status:

Call 860-434-6374 24/7 for a recorded message of current possession limits, or see: www.ct.gov/deep/TL.

The Department monitors landings and adjusts trip limits according to Department regulations in an attempt to 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.

The information provided in this notice is a summary of possession limits and other general rules only. For complete information on commercial fishing regulations please see: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/fishing/commercial/marinecircpdf.pdf>, or contact the DEEP Marine Fisheries Program by email at deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov, by mail at PO Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371 or leaving a voicemail at 860.434.6043 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

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