

DEEP Marine Fisheries News

September 3, 2026

Commercial Fishery Trip Limit Change

Notice

Effective 0001 hours, Sunday, September 6, 2026, the possession limit for the commercial harvest of scup will increase:

- For holders of a Scup License Endorsement: 3,000 pounds.
- 100 fish for holders of the Restricted Commercial Fishing License. No Scup License Endorsement required.
- 10 Fish from lobster pots, when in possession of lobster. No Scup License Endorsement required. Please note, harvest of lobster from LMA 6 (all Long Island Sound) is prohibited during the fall closure: September 8 through November 28, both dates inclusive.

As of Wednesday, September 2, 2026, the Department estimates that 57.7% of Connecticut's 2026 commercial scup quota has been landed.

Commercial Fishery Trip Limits and Landings Monitoring

The Department monitors landings and adjusts trip limits in accordance with Department regulations. These adjustments help provide fishing opportunities throughout the year for all participants in the commercial fishery.

The Department strives to provide advance notice of trip limit changes. However, advance notice may not always be possible when landings increase rapidly or when unexpected circumstances occur. In these situations, only a short notification period may be possible.

Commercial Fishing Regulations

For complete information about commercial fishing regulations, visit the [Marine Fisheries Information Circular](#), or contact the Marine Fisheries Program.

Contact the Marine Fisheries Program

For questions about commercial fishing regulations or trip limits, contact the DEEP Marine Fisheries Program:

- Email: deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov
- Mail:
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PO Box 719
Old Lyme, CT 06371
- Phone: [860-434-6043](tel:860-434-6043)
- Office hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

If you leave a voicemail, please provide your name, telephone number, and a brief description of your

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