



## Quota Managed Species Meeting Notice

A meeting of seafood dealers and commercial fishermen that harvest quota-managed species has been scheduled for **2 pm, Wednesday, December 14, 2022**, at DEEP Marine Headquarters, Boating Education Center (rear building).

The purpose of this meeting is to receive input on strategies to manage the 2023 commercial quotas, to share access equitably among endorsement holders by season, optimize economic returns, and to prevent fishery closures that could lead to higher discards of fish.

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission have agreed on coastwide commercial quota levels to recommend to NOAA Fisheries following the requirements of the federal fishery management plans for these species. The coastwide proposed quotas and Connecticut's share for 2023 are:

| Species                | Year        | Commercial Quota (M lbs) | Summer Period Allocation | Summer Period Quota (M lbs) | Connecticut Allocation | CT Quota (lbs) | % Change |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------|
| <b>Summer Flounder</b> | <b>2022</b> | 15.53                    |                          |                             | 6.16%                  | 956,043        | -3.5%    |
|                        | <b>2023</b> | 15.27                    |                          |                             | 6.04%                  | 922,725        |          |
| <b>Scup</b>            | <b>2022</b> | 20.38                    | 38.95%                   | 7.94                        | 3.154%                 | 250,430        | -31.2%   |
|                        | <b>2023</b> | 14.01                    | 38.95%                   | 5.46                        |                        | 172,208        |          |
| <b>Black Sea Bass</b>  | <b>2022</b> | 6.47                     |                          |                             | 3.67%                  | 237,449        | -25.8%   |
|                        | <b>2023</b> | 4.8                      |                          |                             | 3.67%                  | 176,160        |          |
| <b>Bluefish</b>        | <b>2022</b> | 3.54                     |                          |                             | 1.24%                  | 43,896         | +23.2%   |
|                        | <b>2023</b> | 4.29                     |                          |                             | 1.22%                  | 54,094         |          |

All quota amounts shown here are provisional, contingent on NOAA publication of final specifications and any adjustments for state quota overages.

For further information, contact the DEEP Marine Fisheries Program by email at [deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov](mailto:deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov), by mail at P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371 or by telephone at 860.434.6043 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

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