

Commercial Black Sea Bass Fishery Possession Limit Decrease

NOTICE

Effective 0000 hours, Saturday, July 8, 2023, the following possession limit will be in effect for Connecticut's black sea bass commercial fisheries:

- 50 pounds for holders of a Black Sea Bass License Endorsement.
- From lobster pots when in possession of lobsters: 0 pounds. The black sea bass allowance from lobster pots for commercial fishermen who do not hold a black sea bass quota managed species endorsement is discontinued for the remainder of 2023.

As of Wednesday, July 5, 2023, 87% of Connecticut's 2023 commercial black sea bass quota has been landed.

REMINDER:

The possession limit applies to the vessel, regardless of how many persons are on board. Possession limits apply per trip or per day, whichever is the longer period of time. Transfer of black sea bass between vessels at sea is prohibited.

For current commercial fishery trip limits and quota status, call 860-434-6374 24/7 for a recorded message of current possession limits, or visit 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.

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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