

Commercial Possession Limit Decrease

NOTICE

Effective 0001 hours, Sunday, July 30, 2023, the following possession limits will be in effect for Connecticut's commercial scup fishery:

Scup:

- 1,500 pounds for holder of a Scup License Endorsement
- For Restricted Commercial Fishing License holders: 100 fish
- From lobster pots, when in possession of lobsters: 10 fish. This does not apply to personal use license holders.

The Department estimates, as of Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 86% of Connecticut's summer period commercial scup quota had been landed. Through a generous transfer of 150,000 pounds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the summer period commercial scup fishery will remain open at a 1,500 lb trip limit until 100% of the adjusted summer period quota (522,110 lbs) has been landed, or through September 30, 2023, whichever occurs first.

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.

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 by calling 860.434.6043 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

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