

Commercial Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Fisheries Possession Limit Increases

NOTICE

Effective 0001 hours Thursday, October 12, 2023, the daily possession limit for the commercial harvest of summer flounder and black sea bass will be:

Black Sea Bass

- 240 pounds for holders of a Black Sea Bass License Endorsement.
- From lobster pots when in possession of lobsters during the Lobster Management Area 6 open season: 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 was previously discontinued for the remainder of 2023.

The Department estimates, as of Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 84% of Connecticut's 2023 commercial black sea bass quota had been landed.

Summer Flounder

- 1,500 pounds for holders of a Summer Flounder License Endorsement

The Department estimates, as of Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 74% of Connecticut's 2023 commercial summer flounder quota had been landed.

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 <https://portal.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 by 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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