

Commercial Fishery Black Sea Bass Winter I Closure

NOTICE

Effective 0001 hours, Sunday, April 21, 2024, the Winter I commercial black sea bass fishery will be closed through April 30, 2024.

As of Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 20% of Connecticut's adjusted 2024 commercial black sea bass quota had been landed. The 2024 Winter I (January 1 through April 30, 2024) cumulative landings target for the commercial fishery is 20% of the quota. Connecticut's 2024 commercial black sea bass quota was adjusted from 220,171 lbs to 245,171 lbs via quota transfers from the states of Maine and New Hampshire.

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 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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