

Commercial Scup Fishery Possession Limit Increase

NOTICE

Effective 0000 hours, Friday, August 16, 2024, the following possession limit will be in effect for Connecticut's commercial scup fishery:

- 2,000 pounds for holders 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 lobster license holders.

As of Wednesday, August 14, 2024, the Department estimates 39.8% of Connecticut's adjusted 2024 summer period commercial scup quota (659,783 lbs) has been landed.

Federally-permitted seafood dealers are reminded: [Dealers must submit all reports for a reporting week \(Sunday to Saturday\) by midnight of the following Tuesday.](#) Open link for details.

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.

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

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