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Commercial Bluefish Fishery Closure

Effective 0001 hours Sunday, March 16, 2025, the Connecticut landing limit for the commercial harvest of bluefish will be reduced to zero pounds. As of Wednesday, March 12, 2025, the Department estimates 33% of the commercial bluefish quota allocated to CT will be harvested by Saturday, March 15, 2025. State regulations require that the commercial possession limit for bluefish be reduced to zero pounds when 33% of the state's annual bluefish quota has been reported landed prior to April 30th. On May 1st the bluefish commercial possession limit will be 800 pounds.

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/deep-ct-marineinfocircular>, 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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