

Scup Winter II Commercial Fishery Possession Limit

Scup

Effective 0001 hours Wednesday, October 1, 2025, the possession limit for scup will be 12,000 pounds as specified by NOAA Fisheries for the Winter 2 Period (October 1 – December 31). No Scup License Endorsement required during the Winter 2 period.

REMINDERS

All commercial fishery possession limits apply to the aggregate of all persons on board the vessel per trip or per day whichever is the longer period of time. Transfer of these species between vessels at sea is prohibited. When any person on a vessel is commercial fishing, the commercial possession limit applies to the entire vessel and no person on that vessel may also possess fish under a recreational creel limit.

Black Sea Bass: 500 pounds for a holder of a Black Sea Bass License Endorsement.

Tautog: Closed. Will be open October 8 – December 24, inclusive. REQUIRED Tautog tagging.

- 10 fish – Under a Principal Commercial Fishing or General Commercial Fishing License, non-creel ltd.
- 3 fish – Under a Restricted Commercial Fishing License, Restricted Commercial Lobster Pot Fishing License or General Commercial Fishing License, creel ltd.

American lobster: Closed. The closed season for lobster is September 8 through November 28, inclusive. This closure applies to all gears, recreational and commercial in Lobster Management Area 6 (Long Island Sound).

Atlantic menhaden: 12,000 pounds. Required call-in to Encon when in possession of more than 6,000lb. Encon Police: 860-424-2503.

Bluefish: 800 pounds.

Smooth dogfish: 500 pounds.

Spiny dogfish: 7,500 pounds.

Summer Flounder: 250 pounds.

Weakfish: 100 pounds.

Winter flounder: 50 pounds or 38 fish unless the fish were taken in federal waters under a federal groundfish permit.

Jonah crab: In the commercial fishery no Jonah crab less than 4.75 inches carapace width may be possessed or sold. Possession of egg bearing Jonah crabs or crabs from which the eggs have been removed is prohibited. Jonah crabs must also be landed whole. Landing claws only is prohibited. Possession of more than two loose claws per body is prohibited. The possession limit in non-trap fisheries is 200 crabs per day or 500 crabs per trip. There is no possession limit in the lobster pot fishery. (Connecticut licensing statutes do not allow crabs to be taken by pots other than lobster pots.)

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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