

Commercial Black Sea Bass Fishery Possession Limit Increase

NOTICE

Effective 0001 hours, Sunday, October 12, 2025, the daily possession limit for the commercial harvest of black sea bass will be increased to 1,500lb for holders of a Black Sea Bass License Endorsement. As of Wednesday, October 8, 2025, the Department estimates that 51.4% of Connecticut's 2025 commercial black sea bass quota had been landed.

Federally-permitted seafood dealers are reminded they must submit all reports for a reporting week (Sunday to Saturday) by midnight of the following Tuesday:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/resources-fishing/seafood-dealer-reporting-greater-atlantic-region>

For current commercial fishery trip limits and quota status, visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-TL> or call 860-434-6374 24/7 for a recorded message of current possession limits.

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 leaving a voicemail at 860.434.6043 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday or by mail at PO Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 0637

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