

Commercial Scup Fishery Possession Limit Increase

NOTICE

Effective immediately, revised Scup Winter II quota. The daily possession limit for the commercial harvest of scup has been increased from 12,000lb to 15,000lb as specified by NOAA Fisheries for the Winter II Period (October 1-December 31). No Scup License Endorsement required during the Winter II Period. NOAA Fisheries is rolling over the unused coastwide quota from the Winter I Period (January 1-April 30) to the Winter II Period. Only 88% of the 8,814,300lb Winter I coastwide quota was harvested in 2025, leaving 1,047,723lb available to be rolled over to the Winter II coastwide quota. The revised Winter II commercial scup coastwide quota is raised to 4,162,331lb.

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 06371.

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