

## Quota Managed Species Meeting Notice

A meeting of seafood dealers and commercial fishermen that harvest quota-managed species has been scheduled for **2 pm, Monday, December 1, 2025**, at DEEP Marine Headquarters, Boating Education Center (rear building).

The purpose of this meeting is to receive input on strategies to manage the 2026 commercial quotas, to share access equitably among endorsement holders by season, optimize economic returns, and to prevent fishery closures that could lead to higher discards of fish. We will also discuss trip limits for the final weeks of 2025.

All quota amounts shown are PRELIMINARY and subject to change pending NOAA's final specifications and any state overage adjustments. Because of the federal government shutdown, the following commercial quotas and percent changes are provisional. The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission have agreed on coastwide commercial quota levels to recommend to NOAA Fisheries, consistent with federal fishery management plan requirements. The proposed 2026 coastwide quotas and Connecticut's share are:

Species	Year	Commercial Quota (M lbs)	Summer Period Allocation	Summer Period Quota (M lbs)	Connecticut Allocation	CT Quota (lbs)	% Change
Summer Flounder	2025	8.79			2.257%	198,394	210%
	2026	12.78			2.257% ≤ 9.55 M 12.375% > 9.55 M	614,693	
Scup	2025	19.54	38.95%	7.61	3.154%	240,040	-9.4%
	2026	17.7	38.95%	6.89		217,452	
Black Sea Bass	2025	6.00			3.12%	187,104	30.5%
	2026	7.83			3.12%	244,171	
Bluefish	2025	3.03			1.16%	35,284	53.2%
	2026	4.66			1.16%	54,056	

**Please note, Old Lyme Marine Headquarters will be closed Friday, November 28, 2025.**

For further information, contact the DEEP Marine Fisheries Program by email at [deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov](mailto:deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov), by telephone at 860.434.6043 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday or by mail at P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371.

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