

Commercial Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Fishery Possession Limit Increases

NOTICE

Effective 0001 hours, Sunday, December 7, 2025, the following possession limits will be in effect for Connecticut's commercial fisheries:

Summer Flounder:

- 500 pounds – Summer Flounder License Endorsement required.

As of Wednesday, December 3, 2025, the Department estimates that 89.6% of Connecticut's 2025 commercial summer flounder quota had been landed.

Black Sea Bass:

- 5,000 pounds – Black Sea Bass License Endorsement required.
- 60 pounds from lobster pots, when in possession of lobsters. No Black Sea Bass License Endorsement required. This does not apply to personal use lobster license holders.

As of Wednesday, December 3, 2025, the Department estimates that 70.1% of Connecticut's 2025 commercial black sea bass quota has been landed.

Please Note, Old Lyme Marine Headquarters will be closed Friday, December 26, 2025. It is recommended to confirm hours, please call: 860.447.4300

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/-/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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