

Commercial Summer Flounder and Scup Possession Limit Increases

NOTICE

Effective 0001 hours, Sunday, July 5, 2026, the following possession limits will be in effect for Connecticut's commercial fisheries:

Summer Flounder:

- 3,500 pounds per week (0001 hours Sunday - 2359 hours Saturday). Call-in / Call-out is required prior to departure and again at least two hours prior to offloading. Call EnCon Police at 860.424.3503 (24/7) and provide vessel name, Captain's name, departure date, return date, port of landing and prior to offloading the hail weight of summer flounder onboard for all commercial trips targeting or possessing summer flounder. A summer flounder license endorsement is required.

As of Wednesday July 1, the Department estimates that 37.3% of Connecticut's 2026 commercial summer flounder quota has been landed.

Scup:

- For holders of a Scup License Endorsement - 2,000 pounds.
- 10 fish from lobster pots, when in possession of lobsters. No Scup License Endorsement required.
- 100 fish for holders of the Restricted Commercial Fishing License. No Scup License Endorsement required

As of Wednesday, July 1, the Department estimates that 26.9% of Connecticut's 2026 commercial scup quota has 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/-/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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