

DEEP Marine Fisheries News

September 30, 2026

Scup Winter II Fishery Possession Limit

Notice

Effective 0001 hours Thursday, October 1, 2026, the possession limit for scup will be 12,000 pounds as specified by NOAA Fisheries for the Winter 2 Period (October 1 – December 31). No Scup License Endorsement required during the Winter 2 period.

Commercial Fishery Trip Limits and Landings Monitoring

The Department monitors landings and adjusts trip limits in accordance with Department regulations. These adjustments help provide fishing opportunities throughout the year for all participants in the commercial fishery.

The Department strives to provide advance notice of trip limit changes. However, advance notice may not always be possible when landings increase rapidly or when unexpected circumstances occur. In these situations, only a short notification period may be possible.

Reminders

All commercial fishery possession limits apply to the aggregate of all people on board the vessel per trip or per day, whichever is the longer period. Transfer of these species between vessels at sea is prohibited. When any person on a vessel is commercial fishing, the commercial possession limit applies to the entire vessel and no person on that vessel may also possess fish under a recreational creel limit.

Black Sea Bass: 500 pounds for a holder of a Black Sea Bass License Endorsement.

Tautog: Closed. Will be open October 8 – December 24, inclusive. REQUIRED Tautog tagging.

- 10 fish – Under a Principal Commercial Fishing or General Commercial Fishing License, non-creel ltd.
- 3 fish – Under a Restricted Commercial Fishing License, Restricted Commercial Lobster Pot Fishing License or General Commercial Fishing License, creel ltd.

American lobster: Closed. The closed season for lobster is September 8 through November 28, inclusive. This closure applies to all gears, recreational and commercial in Lobster Management Area 6 (Long Island Sound).

Atlantic menhaden: 12,000 pounds. Required call-in to Encon at [860-424-3503](tel:860-424-3503) when in possession of more than 6,000lb.

Bluefish: 1,000 pounds.

Smooth dogfish: 500 pounds.

Spiny dogfish: 7,500 pounds.

Summer Flounder: 3,500 pounds weekly. Required call-in/out to Encon at [860-424-3503](tel:860-424-3503) during weekly trip limits.

Weakfish: 100 pounds.

Winter flounder: 50 pounds or 38 fish unless the fish were taken in federal waters under a federal groundfish permit.

Commercial Fishing Regulations

For complete information about commercial fishing regulations, visit the [Marine Fisheries Information Circular](#), or contact the Marine Fisheries Program.

Contact the Marine Fisheries Program

For questions about commercial fishing regulations or trip limits, contact the DEEP Marine Fisheries Program:

- Email: deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov
- Mail:
DEEP Marine Fisheries Program
PO Box 719
Old Lyme, CT 06371
- Phone: [860-434-6043](tel:860-434-6043)
- Office hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

If you leave a voicemail, please provide your name, telephone number, and a brief description of your question.

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