



Summer Flounder Quota Management Meeting

A meeting of seafood dealers and commercial fishermen that harvest quota-managed species is scheduled for **2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 13, 2021**. The purpose of this meeting is to receive input on strategies to manage the increased 2021 summer flounder quota as a result of NOAA's implementation of Amendment 21 to the Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan on January 1, 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be conducted via a Zoom webinar. You are encouraged to participate by joining the meeting using the meeting link below:

<https://ctdeep.zoom.us/j/91482899647?pwd=T2FBUG1Qd1FwSG1xWStvOVpjNEE0Zz09>

The Meeting ID is: 914 8289 9647

The Meeting Passcode is: 514885

We recommend logging in to the meeting early to allow time to work through any connection issues (you may log in as early as 1:45pm, at which time you will enter a virtual waiting room until the host begins the meeting). If you have trouble connecting to the meeting, please contact Renee St.Amand at 860-916-0272.

Under the new allocation system in Amendment 21, when the coastwide commercial summer flounder quota is 9.55 million lbs or less, the quota will be distributed according to the existing (Amendment 4) allocations. In years when the coastwide quota exceeds 9.55 million lbs, the first 9.55 million lbs will be distributed based on the existing allocations, additional quota above 9.55 million pounds will be distributed as follows: 0.333% to the states of Maine, New Hampshire and Delaware and 12.375% to the remaining states. The 2021 coastwide summer flounder quota is 12.49 million pounds, resulting in a 579,376 pound quota for CT.

Connecticut's Summer Flounder Allocation

Initial 2020 Quota	Amendment 21 Allocation of baseline quota ≤ 9.55 mil lbs	Amendment 21 Allocation of additional quota (2.94 mil lbs)	2021 Quota
260,241 lbs	2.257% (215,551 lbs)	12.375% (363,825 lbs)	579,376 lbs

For further information, contact the DEEP Marine Fisheries Program by email at deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov, by mail at P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371 or leave a voicemail for Marine Fisheries at 860.434.6043.

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