



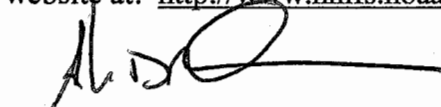
Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishery Update

Below are **preliminary** landings estimates in metric tons (mt) and (lbs) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic Shark commercial fisheries for the 1st trimester season of 2007. **The landings estimates include landing reports received as of February 15, 2007; however, these reports present preliminary landings, as some dealers have not yet reported.** The landings presented below are total landings reported through the Pelagic Dealer Compliance (PDC), or Quota Monitoring System. There is no 2007 data presented from the Automated Landings Reporting System (ALS), or General Canvass.

First Trimester Season 2007					
Species Group	Region	Closure date	Quota	Estimated Landings	% of Quota
Large Coastal Sharks- i.e., sandbar, silky, tiger, blacktip, spinner, bull, lemon, nurse, hammerheads (annual quota 1,017 mt dw)	Gulf of Mexico	CLOSED, January 15	62.3 mt dw (137,347 lb dw)	40.2 mt dw (88,539 lb dw)	64.5%
	South Atlantic	CLOSED, January 1	—	35.3 mt dw (77,688 lb dw)	—*
	North Atlantic	April 30, 2007 11:30 p.m. local time	7.9 mt dw (17,416 lb dw)	0 mt dw	0%
Small Coastal Sharks- i.e., Atlantic sharpnose, finetooth, blacknose, bonnethead (annual quota 454 mt dw)	Gulf of Mexico	CLOSED, February 23	15.1 mt dw (33,289 lb dw)	10.7 mt dw (23,543 lb dw)	70.9%
	South Atlantic	To be determined, as necessary	308.4 mt dw (679,899 lb dw)	7.1 mt dw (15,682 lb dw)	2.3%
	North Atlantic		18.8 mt dw (41,446 lb dw)	0 mt dw	0%
Blue sharks (annual quota 273 mt dw)	No regional quotas	To be determined, as necessary	91 mt dw (200,619 lb dw)	0 mt dw	0%
Porbeagle sharks (annual quota 92 mt dw)			30.7 mt dw (67,681 lb dw)	0.1 mt dw (139 lb dw)	0.3%
Pelagic sharks other than blue or porbeagle (annual quota 488 mt dw)			162.7 mt dw (358,688 lb dw)	6.3 mt dw (14,052 lb dw)	3.9%

*In 2006, the South Atlantic Large Coastal Shark quota was exceeded by 251.8 mt dw. NMFS is reviewing the data to determine the source of the 35.3 mt dw reported landed this year.

This notice is a courtesy to the HMS fishery participants to help keep you informed about your fishery. For further information on this landings update or the closure, contact Karyl Brewster-Geisz at 301-713-2347. The information will also be posted on the HMS website at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms>.


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