



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 and 2nd trimester seasons of 2007. **The landings estimates include landing reports received as of May 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) (previously known as the Quota Monitoring System), and the Automated Landings Reporting System (ALS) (previously known as the 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	62.3 mt dw (137,347 lb dw)	187.4 mt dw (413,743 lb dw)	300%*
	South Atlantic	CLOSED	—	< 0.1mt dw (24 lb dw)	—
	North Atlantic	CLOSED	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	15.1 mt dw (33,289 lb dw)	14.9 mt dw (32,830 lb dw)	98%
	South Atlantic	To be determined, as necessary	308.4 mt dw (679,899 lb dw)	22.4 mt dw (49,296 lb dw)	7.3%
	North Atlantic		18.8 mt dw (41,446 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)	<0.01 mt dw (20 lb dw)	0.01%
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)	26.1 mt dw (57,977lb dw)	16%

*In the April 11, 2007 update, NMFS noted that as of February 28, the Gulf of Mexico region had landed 121.2% of its quota. The fishery closed in that region on January 11. The additional landings since that time appear to be from vessels fishing in state waters. Per 50 CFR § 635.27(b)(1), state landings are counted against the Federal quota. NMFS will work to resolve these and other issues with various states in the course of Amendment 2 to the Consolidated Fishery Management Plan. The draft Amendment 2 is expected this summer.



Second and Third 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	OPENS September 1, 2007; CLOSSES September 22, 2007	83.1 mt dw (183,202 lb dw)	0 mt dw	0%
	South Atlantic	OPENS July 15, 2007; CLOSSES August 15, 2007	163.70 mt dw (360,893 lb dw)	0 mt dw	0%
	North Atlantic	OPENS July 6, 2007; CLOSSES July 31, 2007	69.0 mt dw (152,117 lb dw)	0 mt dw	0%
Small Coastal Sharks- i.e., Atlantic sharpnose, finetooth, blacknose, bonnethead (annual quota 454 mt dw)	Gulf of Mexico	To be determined, as necessary	72.6 mt dw (160,054 lb dw)	0 mt dw	0%
	South Atlantic		291.6 mt dw (642,861 lb dw)	0.2 mt dw (497 lb dw)	0.07%
	North Atlantic		36.2 mt dw (79,807 lb dw)	0 mt dw	0%
Blue sharks (annual quota 273 mt dw)	No regional quotas	To be determined, as necessary	91.0 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 mt dw	0%
Pelagic sharks other than blue or porbeagle (annual quota 488 mt dw)			162.7 mt dw (358,688 lb dw)	0.2 mt dw (522 lb dw)	0.12%

+Please note that for LCS, the 2nd and 3rd Trimester seasons of 2007 are merged for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic. During the 3rd Trimester season, the North Atlantic is closed for LCS.

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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