



Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishery Update

Below are preliminary landings estimates in metric tons (mt) and pounds (lbs) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic Shark commercial fisheries for the 1st trimester season of 2008, the 1st trimester season of 2007, and the combined 2nd and 3rd seasons of 2007. These preliminary landings estimates include landing reports received as of April 11, 2008. 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 2008					
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 1	—	0 mt dw (0 lb dw)	—
	South Atlantic		—	17.8 mt dw (39,218.0 lb dw)	—
	North Atlantic		—	1.0 mt dw (2,182.0 lb dw)	—
Small Coastal Sharks- i.e., Atlantic sharpnose, finetooth, blacknose, bonnethead (annual quota 454 mt dw)	Gulf of Mexico	To be determined, as necessary	73.2 mt dw (161,377 lb dw)	0 mt dw (25.0 lb dw)	<0.1%
	South Atlantic		354.9 mt dw (782,413 lb dw)	10.8 mt dw (23,849.0 lb dw)	3.0%
	North Atlantic		19.3 mt dw (42,549 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 (181.0 lb dw)	0.3%
Pelagic sharks other than blue or porbeagle (annual quota 488 mt dw)			162.7 mt dw (358,688 lb dw)	18.0 mt dw (39,617 lb dw)	11.0%

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)	202.2 mt dw (445,847 lb dw)	325%
	South Atlantic	CLOSED, January 1	—	15.2 mt dw (33,589.0 lb dw)	—
	North Atlantic	CLOSED, April 30	7.9 mt dw (17,416 lb dw)	0 mt dw (81 lb dw)	> 0.4 %

First Trimester Season 2007					
Species Group	Region	Closure date	Quota	Estimated Landings	% of Quota
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)	14.8 mt dw (32,555 lb dw)	98.0%
	South Atlantic	CLOSED, April 30	308.4 mt dw (679,899 lb dw)	27.6 mt dw (60,811 lb dw)	8.9%
	North Atlantic		18.8 mt dw (41,446 lb dw)	0 mt dw	0%
Blue sharks (annual quota 273 mt dw)	No regional quotas	CLOSED, April 30	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)	25.6 mt dw (56,453 lb dw)	15.7%

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	CLOSED, September 22	83.1 mt dw (183,202 lb dw)	546.3 mt dw (1,204,317 lb dw)	657%
	South Atlantic	CLOSED, August 15	163.7 mt dw (360,893 lb dw)	184.9 mt dw (407,602 lb dw)	113%
	North Atlantic	CLOSED, July 31	69.0 mt dw (152,117 lb dw)	107.5 mt dw (236,996 lb dw)	156%
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)	81.1 mt dw (178,870 lb dw)	112%
	South Atlantic		291.6 mt dw (642,861 lb dw)	159.5 mt dw (351,571 lb dw)	54.7%
	North Atlantic		36.2 mt dw (79,807 lb dw)	9.6 mt dw (21,061 lb +dw)	26.5%
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)	1.3 mt dw (2,946.0 lb dw)	4.2%
Pelagic sharks other than blue or porbeagle (annual quota 488 mt dw)			162.7 mt dw (358,688 lb dw)	88.5 mt dw (195,004 lb dw)	54.4%

* In the November 2007 landings update, estimated landings for Pelagic sharks other than blue and porbeagle for the 1st season of 2007 were 43.7 mt dw (96,414 lb dw). This number has been corrected to remove reports that may have been double-counted.

** Please note that for LCS, the 2nd and 3rd seasons of 2007 were merged for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic regions. In the 2nd season, the North Atlantic region opened on July 6 and closed on July 31st. During the 3rd season, the North Atlantic region was closed for LCS.

Per 50 CFR § 635.27(b)(1), state landings are counted against the Federal quota. Please note that dealers located in closed regions are not permitted to purchase sharks landed in open regions (50 CFR § 635.28(b)(3)) and may be subject to enforcement actions.

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 LeAnn Southward-Hogan or Jess Beck 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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