

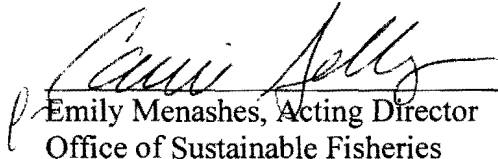


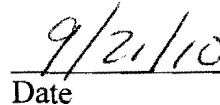
**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
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## **NMFS ANNOUNCES THE FINAL RULE TO ADJUST THE 2010 NORTH AND SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH QUOTAS**

This final rule adjusts the North and South Atlantic swordfish quotas for the 2010 fishing year (January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010) to account for underharvests in 2009, and to transfer 18.8 metric tons (mt) dressed weight (dw) to Canada per the 2006 and 2009 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) Recommendations 09-02 and 09-03. The 2009 North Atlantic swordfish baseline quota is 2,937.6 mt dw. The 2010 South Atlantic swordfish baseline quota is 75.2 mt dw and 75.2 mt dw of 2009 available underharvest in the South Atlantic were transferred to Cote d'Ivoire, Namibia, and Belize. Details of the adjustment can be found in Table 1 and in the final rule.

This notice is a courtesy to the HMS fishery participants to help keep you informed about the fishery. Official notice of Federal actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of Federal Register. For further information on this final rule and its requirements, contact Delisse Ortiz or Karyl Brewster-Geisz at 301-713-2347. Copies of the final rule and supporting documents are available upon request from the Highly Migratory Species Management Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone: 301-713-2347, fax: 301-713-1917). The information will also be posted on the HMS website at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>.

  
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Table 1. Landings and Quotas for the Atlantic Swordfish Fisheries (2005 – 2010).

North Atlantic Swordfish Quota (mt dw)		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Baseline Quota		2,937.6	2,937.6	2,937.6	2,937.6	2,937.6	2,937.6
Quota Carried Over		3,359.1	4,691.2	1,468.8	1,468.8	1,468.8	1,468.8
<b>Adjusted quota</b>		<b>6,296.7</b>	<b>7,628.8</b>	<b>4,406.4</b>	<b>4,406.4</b>	<b>4,406.4</b>	<b>4,406.4</b>
Quota Allocation	Directed Category	5,895.2	7,246.1	3,601.9	3,620.7	3,639.5	3,658.3
	Incidental Category	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0
	Reserve Category	101.5	82.7	504.5	485.7	466.9	448.1
Utilized Quota	Landings	1,471.8	1,291.5	1,167.5	1,695.7	1,863.4	TBD
	Reserve Transfer to Canada	18.8	18.8	18.8	18.8	18.8	18.8
Total Underharvest		4,806.1	6,318.5	3,220.1	2,691.9	2,524.20	TBD
Dead Discards		114.9	154.9	149.2	149.8	TBD	TBD
Carryover Available <sup>+</sup>		4,691.2	1,468.8	1,468.8	1,468.8	1,468.8	TBD
South Atlantic Swordfish Quota (mt dw)		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Baseline Quota		75.2	90.2	75.2	75.2	75.2	75.2
Quota Carried Over		319.3	394.5	75.2	75.2	75.2	0.0
<b>Adjusted quota</b>		<b>394.5</b>	<b>484.7</b>	<b>150.4</b>	<b>150.4</b>	<b>150.4</b>	<b>75.2</b>
Landings		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	TBD
Carryover Available		394.5	75.2	75.2	75.2	0.0*	TBD

<sup>+</sup> Underharvest is capped at 50 percent of the baseline quota allocation for the North Atlantic and 100 mt ww (75.2 mt dw) for the South Atlantic.

\* Under 09-03, 100 mt ww of the U.S. underharvest was transferred to Namibia (50 mt ww, 37.6 mt dw), Cote d' Ivore (25 mt ww, 18.8 mt dw), and Belize (25 mt ww, 18.8 mt dw).