



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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Skate Bait Possession Limit Reduction

Effective Date: October 17, 2016

The skate bait commercial possession limit has been reduced from 25,000 lb to 9,307 lb per trip of whole weight (4,100 lb of skate wings). Effective October 17, 2016, vessels holding federal skate permits and skate bait letters of authorization may not possess or land more than 9,307 lb of skate bait per trip for the remainder of Season 2 (i.e., through October 31, 2016). The possession limit will increase to 25,000 lb per trip on November 1, 2016.

Vessels that have started a fishing trip when this possession limit reduction becomes effective may retain skate bait under the previous possession limit of 25,000 lb for the remainder of that trip.

For small entity compliance guides, this bulletin complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996. This notice is authorized by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Greater Atlantic Region.