



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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Northern Red Hake Possession Limit Reduction

Effective Date: August 16, 2016

The northern red hake commercial possession limit has been reduced from 1,500 lb to 400 lb per trip. Effective August 16, 2016, federally permitted vessels may not possess or land more than 400 lb of northern red hake per trip for the remainder of the 2016 fishing year (i.e., through April 30, 2017).

Vessels that have started a fishing trip when this possession limit reduction becomes effective may retain northern red hake under the previous possession limit of 1,500 lb for the remainder of that trip.

Dealers issued Federal dealer permits for small-mesh multispecies may not purchase more than 400 lb of northern red hake per trip from federally permitted vessels for trips started after August 16, 2016. Federally permitted dealers must continue to report all fish purchased from any vessel.

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.