



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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Northern Red Hake Possession Limit Reduction

Effective Date: August 8, 2016

The northern red hake commercial possession limit has been reduced from 3,000 lb to 1,500 lb per trip. Effective August 8, 2016, federally permitted vessels may not possess or land more than 1,500 lb of northern red hake per trip, for the remainder of the 2016 fishing year. Vessels that are on a trip when this possession limit reduction becomes effective may retain northern red hake in accordance with the previous possession limit of 3,000 lb.

Additionally, dealers issued Federal dealer permits for small-mesh multispecies may not purchase northern red hake from a federally permitted vessel in excess of 1,500 lb per trip, for trips taken after the effective date. Federally permitted dealers must continue to report all fish purchases 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.