



# Northeast Region Bulletin

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## TILEFISH FISHERY

2013 Quota Specifications

*Effective Date: November 1, 2012, through October 31, 2013*

For fishing year 2013 (November 1, 2012–October 31, 2013), the quota will remain at 1.995 million lb. The incidental trip limit will also remain unchanged from the 2012 fishing year at 458 lb. The following quotas and trip limits are effective for fishing year 2013:

2013 Total Allowable Landings (TAL)	1.995 million lb
TAL allocated to Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) holders	1,895,250 lb
TAL for Incidental fishery	99,750 lb
Incidental trip limit	458 lb

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

<b>What happens if the incidental TAL is exceeded in a fishing year?</b>	Commercial/incidental vessels not fishing under an IFQ would be subject to an in-season closure. If such a closure is put into place, it would be effective for the remainder of the fishing year. This would not apply to IFQ Allocation Permit holders and Charter/Party Permit holders.
<b>I'm confused about the incidental trip limit. I heard it was 500 lb?</b>	The incidental trip possession limit is 458 lb. However, you may have seen or heard that the possession limit is 500 lb because quota calculations were done using whole weight, which result in a possession limit of 500 lb whole weight. However, tilefish is not landed whole, so 458 lb is the gutted tilefish possession limit.

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