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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

2011 ATLANTIC BLUEFISH FINAL SPECIFICATIONS

Dear Atlantic Bluefish Permit Holder:

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has approved the 2011 final specifications for the Atlantic bluefish fishery, including coastwide and state commercial quotas, and recreational harvest and possession limits. The specifications will be effective May 2, 2011.

The 2011 Atlantic bluefish total allowable landings are 27.293 million lb. After transferring 4.772 million lb from the recreational to the commercial sector as provided by the regulations, and deducting the research set-aside quota of 105,000 lb, the final 2011 specifications are as follows:

- **Commercial quota equals 9,375,204 lb**
- **Recreational harvest limit equals 17,813,024 lb**
- **Recreational possession limit is 15 bluefish per person**


The final state commercial allocations for the 2011 commercial quota are shown in the attached table and are based on the percentages specified in the Atlantic Bluefish Fishery Management Plan. Based on updated landings information through December 31, 2010, no commercial bluefish quota overages occurred in 2010.

This letter does not contain all the regulatory provisions that pertain to the Atlantic bluefish fishery, and consequently, has no legal force or effect. A copy of the regulations can be obtained through NOAA Fisheries Service Northeast Regional Office web site:

<http://www.nero.noaa.gov>. Please contact your state fisheries agency for any additional Atlantic bluefish regulations that may apply.

This small entity compliance guide complies with Section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

Sincerely,


for Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator



2010 Final Atlantic Bluefish State Commercial Allocations

State	Percent Share	Final State Quotas (lb) (including RSA deductions)	Final State Quotas (kg) (including RSA deductions)
ME	0.6685	62,673	30,969
NH	0.4145	38,860	17,627
MA	6.7167	629,704	285,629
RI	6.8081	638,273	289,516
CT	1.2663	118,718	53,850
NY	10.3851	973,624	441,629
NJ	14.8162	1,389,049	630,062
DE	1.8782	176,085	79,871
MD	3.0018	281,425	127,652
VA	11.8795	1,113,727	505,178
NC	32.0608	3,005,765	1,363,392
SC	0.0352	3,300	1,497
GA	0.0095	891	404
FL	10.0597	943,117	427,791
Total	100.0001	9,375,204	4,255,066