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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

2010 ATLANTIC BLUEFISH FINAL SPECIFICATIONS

Dear Atlantic Bluefish Permit Holder:

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has approved the 2010 final specifications for the Atlantic bluefish fishery, including coastwide and state commercial quotas, and recreational harvest and possession limits. The specifications will be effective June 14, 2010.

The 2010 Atlantic bluefish total allowable landings are 29.264 million lb. After transferring 5.387 million lb from the recreational to the commercial sector, and deducting the research set-aside quota of 419,750 lb, the final 2010 specifications are as follows:

- **Commercial quota equals 10,213,222 lb**
- **Recreational harvest limit equals 18,630,842 lb**
- **Recreational possession limit is 15 bluefish per person**

The final state commercial allocations for the 2010 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, 2009, no commercial bluefish quota overages occurred in 2009.

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	68,275	30,969
NH	0.4145	42,334	19,202
MA	6.7167	685,991	311,161
RI	6.8081	695,326	315,395
CT	1.2663	129,330	58,663
NY	10.3851	1,060,653	481,104
NJ	14.8162	1,513,211	686,381
DE	1.8782	191,825	87,010
MD	3.0018	306,580	139,063
VA	11.8795	1,213,280	550,334
NC	32.0608	3,274,441	1,485,261
SC	0.0352	3,595	1,631
GA	0.0095	970	440
FL	10.0597	1,027,419	466,030
Total	100.0001	10,213,222	4,632,644