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Small Entity Compliance Guide

2009 ATLANTIC BLUEFISH SPECIFICATIONS

Dear Atlantic Bluefish Permit Holder:

This letter announces the Atlantic bluefish specifications for fishing year 2009, including coastwide and state commercial quotas, and recreational harvest and possession limits.

Effective June 3, 2009, through December 31, 2009, the bluefish total allowable landings (TAL) is 29,356 million lb. After transferring 4,772,520 lb from the recreational to the commercial sector, and accounting for a research set-aside quota of 97,750 lb, the final 2009 specifications are as follows:

- **Commercial quota equals 9,730,601 lb**
- **Recreational harvest limit equals 19,528,060 lb**
- **Recreational possession limit is 15 bluefish per person**

The individual state commercial allocations are shown in the attached table, and are based on the percentages specified in the Atlantic Bluefish Fishery Management Plan. The commercial quota for New York has been adjusted to account for an overage of 34,149 lb in fishing year 2008. A separate *Federal Register* notice will be published in the event that further adjustments to the quota are necessary.

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's National Marine 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.

Sincerely,

for

Patricia A. Kurkul

Regional Administrator

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



**2009 Atlantic Bluefish Fisheries
State Commercial Allocations**

States	Percent Share	Final State Quotas (lb) (RSA deducted)
ME	0.6685	65,049
NH	0.4145	40,333
MA	6.7167	653,575
RI	6.8081	662,469
CT	1.2663	123,219
NY	10.3851	976,384*
NJ	14.8162	1,441,702
DE	1.8782	182,760
MD	3.0018	292,093
VA	11.8795	1,155,945
NC	32.0608	3,119,709
SC	0.0352	3,425
GA	0.0095	924
FL	10.0597	978,869
Total	100.0001	9,696,457

* Reflects a deduction of 34,149 lb from a 2008 overage.