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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

2003 ATLANTIC BLUEFISH SPECIFICATIONS

Dear Atlantic Bluefish Permit Holder:

This letter announces the Atlantic bluefish specifications for the year 2003, including coastwide and state quotas, and the recreational possession limit. For the 2003 fishery, the total allowable landings is 37.293 million lb. The recreational harvest limit is 26.794 million lb, and the coastwide commercial quota is 10.5 million lb. The 15-fish/person recreational possession limit remains unchanged from 2002. State commercial allocations for the 2003 commercial quotas are shown in Attachment 1, based on the percentages specified in the FMP.

You may also receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, by e-mail by clicking on "NOAA Fisheries News Releases" on our website at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>; or via fax by providing a fax number through a written request to the above address, or by faxing your request to 978-281-9135. This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia A. Kurkul".

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator



Final State Commercial Allocations for the 2003 Atlantic Bluefish Fishery

State	Percent of Quota	2003 Commercial Quota (lb)	2003 Commercial Quota (kg)
ME	0.6685	69,925	31,718
NH	0.4145	43,357	19,667
MA	6.7167	702,570	318,684
RI	6.8081	712,131	323,021
CT	1.2663	132,456	60,082
NY	10.3851	1,086,286	492,736
NJ	14.8162	1,549,782	702,977
DE	1.8782	196,461	89,114
MD	3.0018	313,990	142,425
VA	11.8795	1,242,601	563,640
NC	32.0608	3,353,575	1,521,172
SC	0.0352	3,682	1,670
GA	0.0095	994	451
FL	10.0597	1,052,249	477,297
Total	100.0000	10,460,058	4,744,652