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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Dear Atlantic Bluefish Permit Holder:

This letter announces the Atlantic bluefish specifications for the year 2002, including coastwide and state quotas, and the recreational possession limit.

2002 Total Allowable Landings (TAL), Commercial Quota, Recreational Harvest Limit, and Possession Limit

For the 2002 fishery, the TAL is 26.866 million lb. The recreational harvest limit is 16.365 million lb, and the coastwide commercial quota is 10.5 million lb (4.76 million kg). The 15-fish/person recreational possession limit remains unchanged from 2001.

State Commercial Allocations

State commercial allocations for the 2002 commercial quotas are shown in the table below, based on the percentages specified in the FMP.

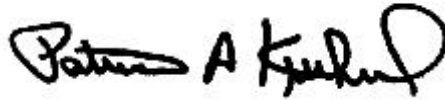
State	% of quota	2002 Commercial Quota (lb)	2002 Commercial Quota (kg)
ME	0.6685	70,193	31,839
NH	0.4145	43,523	19,741
MA	6.7167	705,254	319,898
RI	6.8081	714,851	324,251
CT	1.2663	132,962	60,310
NY	10.3851	1,090,436	494,613
NJ	14.8162	1,555,701	705,654
DE	1.8782	197,211	89,453
MD	3.0018	315,189	142,967
VA	11.8795	1,247,348	565,787
NC	32.0608	3,366,384	1,526,966



SC	0.0352	3,696	1,676
GA	0.0095	998	452
FL	10.0597	1,056,269	479,115
Total	100.0000	10,500,000	4,762,720

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Sincerely,



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Regional Administrator

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