



Northeast Region Bulletin

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Atlantic Bluefish 2012 Final Specifications

Small Entity Compliance Guide

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The 2012 final specifications for the Atlantic bluefish fishery have been approved. The 2012 Atlantic bluefish total allowable landings are 28.266 million lb. After transferring 5.052 million lb from the recreational sector to the commercial sector as provided by the regulations, and deducting the research set-aside quota of 491,672 lb, the final specifications are as follows:

- Commercial quota – 10,317,362 lb
- Recreational harvest limit – 17,457,538 lb
- Recreational possession limit – 15 bluefish per person

2012 Final Atlantic Bluefish State Commercial Allocations

State	Percent Share	Final Quota* (lb)
ME	0.6685	68,972
NH	0.4145	42,765
MA	6.7167	692,986
RI	6.8081	702,416
CT	1.2663	130,649
NY	10.3851	1,071,466
NJ	14.8162	1,528,639
DE	1.8782	193,781
MD	3.0018	309,707
VA	11.8795	1,225,649
NC	32.0608	3,307,827
SC	0.0352	3,632
GA	0.0095	980
FL	10.0597	1,037,894
Total	100.0001	10,317,362

*Including RSA deductions

Based on updated landings information through December 31, 2011, no commercial bluefish quota overages occurred in 2011.

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