

Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update 2004 First and Second Semi-Annual Seasons

The table below provides preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of June 30, 2004, in pounds (lbs) and metric tons (mt) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic swordfish fisheries for the first and second semi-annual seasons of the 2004 fishing year (June 1, 2004 through May 31, 2005). New quotas for the 2004 fishing year have been proposed (68 FR 36967, June 20, 2003). A final rule is expected shortly.

	Quota mt dw	Landings		Remaining Quota		Percent of Quota Taken
		mt dw	lbs dw	mt dw	lbs dw	
NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery: FIRST SEMI- ANNUAL season (June 1 - November 30, 2004)	959.5	69.2	152,599	890.3	1,962,715	7%
Directed Fishery: SECOND SEMI- ANNUAL Season (Dec 1, 2004 - May 31, 2005)	959.5	0.0	0	959.5	2,115,314	0%
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)	300	0	0	299.5	661,380	0%
SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery (annual quota)	289	0.0	0	289.0	637,129	0%

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