

Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update First and Second Semi-Annual Seasons

The table below provides preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of May 31, 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 2003 fishing year (June 1, 2003 through May 31, 2004). New quotas for the 2003 fishing year have been proposed (June 20, 2003, 68 FR 36967). 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, 2003)	959.5	736.2	1,622,933	223.3	492,381	77%
Directed Fishery: SECOND SEMI- ANNUAL Season (Dec 1, 2003 - May 31, 2004)	959.5	707.8	1,560,484	251.7	554,830	74%
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)	300	0.5	1,460	299.5	659,920	0%
SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery (annual quota)	289	1.8	3,941	287.2	633,188	<1%

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