



Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update 2006 First and Second Semi-Annual Seasons

The table below provides preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of September 30, 2006, in pounds (lb) and metric tons (mt) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic swordfish fisheries for the first and second semi-annual seasons of the 2006 fishing year. Please note that these estimates are subject to late reporting and do not include recreational landings or discards. The 2006 annual directed landings quota NOT adjusted for 2005 underharvests for North Atlantic swordfish is 2,554.9 mt dw and the annual incidental quota is 300 mt dw. NMFS plans on adjusting the 2006 quota in a future rulemaking. In addition, 150.4 mt dw North Atlantic swordfish quota may be caught between 5 degrees North latitude and 5 degrees South latitude. The annual directed landings quota NOT adjusted for 2005 underharvests for South Atlantic swordfish is 90.2 mt dw.

	Quota mt dw	Landings		Remaining Quota		Percent of Quota Taken
		mt dw	lb dw	mt dw	lb dw	
NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery First Season (June 1, 2006 - November 30, 2006)	1,277.5	250.1	551,405	1027.3	2,264,861	20%
Directed Fishery Second Season (December 1, 2006 - May 31, 2007)	1,277.5	0	0	1277.5	2,816,266	0%
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)	300	2.2	4,947	297.8	656,433	0.7%
Total	2,937.7*	252.4	556,352	2685.2	5,919,881	8.6%
SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery (annual quota)	90.2	0	0	90.2	198,855	0%

*includes 82.7 mt dw allocated to the reserve

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic swordfish fishery interests to keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. To view catch statistics from previous months, please visit http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/swordfish_catch_statistics.htm or contact Jackie Wilson at (404) 806-7622.

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 Date



North Atlantic Swordfish landings in dressed weight (pounds) for fish from North of 35N and South of 35N. All Swordfish are from North of 5N.

Area	Month	Directed					Incidental			Monthly Total
		Longline	Harpoon	Hand Line	Rod & Reel	Bandit Gear	Total	OtterTrawl	Other	
N of 35N	Jun-06	31,896					31,896	321		31,896
N of 35N	Jul-06	46,750					46,750	1,769	1,769	48,519
N of 35N	Aug-06	84,062					84,062	2,483	2,483	86,545
N of 35N	Sep-06	63,827	520		350		64,697	374	374	65,071
N of 35N	Oct-06						0		0	0
N of 35N	Nov-06						0		0	0
S of 35N	Jun-06	102,901			1,401		104,302		0	104,302
S of 35N	Jul-06	44,886			4,091		48,977		0	48,977
S of 35N	Aug-06	95,499			5,490		100,989		0	100,989
S of 35N	Sep-06	64,247			5,485		69,732		0	69,732
S of 35N	Oct-06						0		0	0
S of 35N	Nov-06						0		0	0
Gear Total		534,068	520	0	16,817	0	551,405	4,947	0	556,031
										Six Month Total

Area	Month	Directed					Incidental			Monthly Total
		Longline	Harpoon	Hand Line	Rod & Reel	Bandit Gear	Total	Otter Trawl	Other	
N of 35N	Dec-06									0
N of 35N	Jan-07						0			0
N of 35N	Feb-07						0			0
N of 35N	Mar-07						0			0
N of 35N	Apr-07						0			0
N of 35N	May-07						0			0
S of 35N	Dec-06						0			0
S of 35N	Jan-07						0			0
S of 35N	Feb-07						0			0
S of 35N	Mar-07						0			0
S of 35N	Apr-07						0			0
S of 35N	May-07						0			0
Gear Total		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
										Six Month Total

551,405
Yearly Directed

4,947	556,031
Yearly Incidental	Yearly Total

