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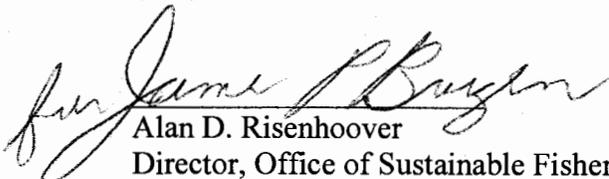
Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update 2006 First and Second Semi-Annual Seasons

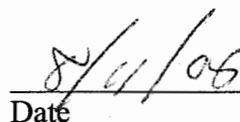
The table below provides preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of June 30, 2006, in pounds (lb) and metric tons (mt) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic swordfish fisheries for the first and second semi-annual seasons of the 2006 fishing year. Please note that these estimates are subject to late reporting and do not include recreational landings or discards. The 2006 annual directed landings quota NOT adjusted for underharvests for North Atlantic swordfish is 2,554.9 mt dw and the annual incidental quota is 300 mt dw. 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 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, 2005 - November 30, 2005)	1,277.5	59.7	131,572	1,217.8	2,684,694	5%
Directed Fishery Second Season (December 1, 2005 - May 31, 2006)	1,277.5	0	0	1,277.5	2,816,266	0%
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)	300	0.1	321	299.9	661,059	0.05%
Total	2,937.6*	59.8	131,893	2,877.9	6,344,618	2%
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

NMFS published a final rule on May 19, 2006 (71 FR 29087), announcing the North Atlantic baseline commercial quota for the 2006 fishing year. These quotas are adjusted annually based on over and underharvests, the number of fish discarded, and changes in the amount allocated to the United States at the annual International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna. This FAX 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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