



Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update: Commercial and Recreational 2010 Fishing Year

The table below provides preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of October 31, 2010, in pounds (lb) and metric tons (mt) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic swordfish fisheries for the 2010 fishing year. Landings are estimated using commercial dealer reports and reports by anglers in the HMS Non-Tournament Recreational Swordfish and Billfish Landings Database and the Recreational Billfish Survey. Please note that these estimates are subject to late reporting and do not include discards. As specified in § 635.27(c)(i)(B), all recreational landings are counted against the incidental quota. On September 21, 2010, NMFS published a final rule (75 FR 57407) to adjust the 2010 baseline quota for 2009 underharvests. The table below provides both the baseline and adjusted 2010 quotas.

	Baseline Quota mt dw	Adjusted Quota mt dw		Landings	Percent of Baseline Quota Taken	Percent of Adjusted Quota Taken
				mt dw (lb dw)		
NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery First Season (Jan 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010)	1,094.8	1,829.2	Commercial Landings	730.9 (1,611,442)	66.8%	40.0%
Directed Fishery Second Season (July 1, 2010 - Dec 31, 2010)	1,094.8	1,829.2	Commercial Landings	443.0 (976,722)	40.5%	24.2%
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)	300	300	Commercial Landings	11.9 (26,198)	8.1%	8.1%
			Recreational Landings	12.5 (27,494)		
Total	2,937.6*	4406.4*		1198.3 (2,641,856)	40.8%	27.2%
SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery (annual quota)	75.2	75.2	Commercial Landings	0.2 (400)	0.3%	0.3%

*Includes 448.1 mt dw allocated to the reserve; 150.4 mt dw North Atlantic swordfish quota may be caught between 5 degrees North latitude and 5 degrees South latitude

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/hmsdocument_files/SWORDFISH.htm#Landings or contact Steve Durkee at (202) 670-6637.

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