



Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update: Commercial and Recreational 2010 Fishing Year

The table below provides preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of July 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. The 2010 annual directed landings quota seen below has not been adjusted for 2009 underharvests. On June 22, 2010, NMFS published a proposed rule (75 FR 35432) to adjust the 2010 base quota for these underharvests. The comment period for the proposed rule closed on July 22, 2010. The final rule should publish shortly.

	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 (Jan 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010)	1,094.8	Commercial Landings	711.1 (1,567,628)	383.7 (845,968)	64.9%
Directed Fishery Second Season (July 1, 2010 - Dec 31, 2010)	1,094.8	Commercial Landings	59.0 (130,095)	1,035.8 (2,283,501)	5.4%
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)	300	Commercial Landings	3.6 (7,900)	289.9 (639,085)	3.4%
		Recreational Landings	6.5 (14,395)		
Total	2,937.6*		780.2 (1,720,018)	2,157.4 (4,756,215)	26.6%
SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH					
Directed Fishery (annual quota)	75.2	Commercial Landings	0.2 (400)	75.0 (165,386)	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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