



Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishery Landings Update January 1 – July 12, 2012

Below are the preliminary landings estimates in metric tons (mt) and pounds (lb) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic shark commercial fisheries. These preliminary estimates are based on dealer reports and other information received from January 1 through July 12, 2012. The estimates include landings by state-only permitted vessels, federally permitted vessels, and the 2012 shark research fishery participants.

| Species Group | Region | 2012 Season Opening Date | 2012 Quota | Estimated Landings in 2012 | % of 2012 Quota |
|---|--------------------|--|---|---|-----------------|
| Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Sharks | Gulf of Mexico | February 15 (Closed: July 6) ² | 392.8 mt dw (866,063 lb dw) | 319.6 mt dw (704,544 lb dw) | 81% |
| | Atlantic | July 15, 2012 | 183.2 mt dw (403,889 lb dw) | 4.8 mt dw (10,566 lb dw) | 3% |
| Shark Research Fishery Quota (Non-Sandbar LCS) | No regional quotas | January 24 | 37.5 mt dw (82,673 lb dw) | 8.2 mt dw (18,087 lb dw) | 22% |
| Shark Research Fishery Quota (Sandbar only) | | January 24 | 87.9 mt dw (193,784 lb dw) | Inside SRF 21.1 mt dw (46,603 lb dw) Outside SRF * 0.2 mt dw (511 lb dw) | 24% |
| Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks | No regional quotas | January 24 | 332.4 mt dw (732,808 lb dw) | 76.1 mt dw (167,929 lb dw) | 23% |
| Blacknose Sharks | | January 24 | 19.9 mt dw (43,872 lb dw) | 6.5 mt dw (14,357 lb dw) | 33% |
| Blue Sharks | No regional quotas | January 24 | 273.0 mt dw (601,856 lb dw) | 8.6 mt dw (18,868 lb dw) | 3% |
| Porbeagle Sharks | | January 24 (Closed: May 31) ¹ | 0.7 mt dw ^c (1,585 lb dw) | 1.9 mt dw (4,105 lb dw) | 259% |
| Pelagic Sharks Other Than Porbeagle or Blue | | January 24 | 488 mt dw (1,075,856 lb dw) | 88.6 mt dw (195,385 lb dw) | 18% |

* These landings are from state landings, unverified landings and/or unclassified sharks.

¹ Fishery closed at 11:30 p.m. local time on May 31, 2012 (77 FR 32036).

² Fishery closed at 11:30 p.m. local time on July 6, 2012 (77 FR 39648).



This notice is a courtesy to the HMS fishery participants to help keep you informed about the fishery. For further information on this landings update or the closure, contact Karyl Brewster-Geisz or Guý DuBeck at 301-713-2347. The information will also be posted on the HMS website at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms>.



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