



Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishery Landings Update

January 1 – December 31, 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 December 31, 2012. The estimates include landings by state-only permitted vessels, federally permitted vessels, and the 2012 shark research fishery participants.

Species Group	Region	2012 Quota	Estimated Landings in 2012	% of 2012 Quota
Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Sharks	Gulf of Mexico	392.8 mt dw (866,063 lb dw)	378.9 mt dw ¹ (835,386 lb dw)	96%
	Atlantic	183.2 mt dw (403,889 lb dw)	146.8 mt dw (323,614 lb dw)	80%
Shark Research Fishery Quota (Non-Sandbar LCS)	No regional quotas	37.5 mt dw (82,673 lb dw)	16.3 mt dw (35,911 lb dw)	43%
Shark Research Fishery Quota (Sandbar only)		87.9 mt dw (193,784 lb dw)	Inside SRF 30.9 mt dw (68,212 lb dw) Outside SRF * 0 mt dw (0 lb dw)	35%
Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks	No regional quotas	332.4 mt dw (732,808 lb dw)	289.4 mt dw (638,010 lb dw)	87%
Blacknose Sharks		19.9 mt dw (43,872 lb dw)	23.4 mt dw (51,614 lb dw)	118%
Blue Sharks	No regional quotas	273.0 mt dw (601,856 lb dw)	8.9 mt dw (19,642 lb dw)	3%
Porbeagle Sharks		0.7 mt dw (1,585 lb dw)	1.9 mt dw ² (4,199 lb dw)	265%
Pelagic Sharks Other Than Porbeagle or Blue		488 mt dw (1,075,856 lb dw)	135.7 mt dw (299,227 lb dw)	28%

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

¹ Fishery closed at 11:30 p.m. local time on July 6, 2012 (77 FR 39648).

² Fishery closed at 11:30 p.m. local time on May 31, 2012 (77 FR 32036).

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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