



Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishery Landings Update

January 1 – May 15, 2013

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 May 15, 2013. The estimates include landings by state-only permitted vessels, federally permitted vessels, and the 2013 shark research fishery participants.

Species Group	Region	2013 Quota	Estimated Landings in 2013	% of 2013 Quota
Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Sharks	Gulf of Mexico	439.5 (968,922 lb dw)	277.8 mt dw (612,546 lb dw)	63%
	Atlantic	188.3 (415,126 lb dw)	57.7 mt dw (127,289 lb dw)	31%
Shark Research Fishery Quota (Non-Sandbar LCS)	No regional quotas	50.0 (110,230 lb dw)	4.5 mt dw (9,972 lb dw)	9%
Shark Research Fishery Quota (Sandbar only)		116.6 mt dw (257,056 lb dw)	8.2 mt dw (18,009 lb dw)	7%
Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks	No regional quotas	329.2 mt dw (725,645 lb dw)	26.9 mt dw (59,376 lb dw)	8%
Blacknose Sharks		19.9 mt dw (43,872 lb dw)	6.8 mt dw (14,966 lb dw)	34%
Blue Sharks	No regional quotas	273.0 mt dw (601,856 lb dw)	4.1 mt dw (9,062 lb dw)	2%
Porbeagle Sharks		Closed for 2013	0 mt dw (0 lb dw)	--
Pelagic Sharks Other Than Porbeagle or Blue		488 mt dw (1,075,856 lb dw)	40.2 mt dw (88,558 lb dw)	8%

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 301-427-8503. The information will also be posted on the HMS website at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms>.

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