



Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update: Commercial and Recreational January 1 – May 31, 2013

The table below provides preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of May 31, 2013, for the Atlantic swordfish fisheries for the 2013 fishing year. We estimate landings 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. The table below provides both the baseline and adjusted 2013 quotas.

North Atlantic Swordfish

		2013 LANDINGS (mt dw)	PERCENT OF 2013 BASELINE QUOTA TAKEN (2013 BASELINE QUOTA)	PERCENT OF 2013 ADJUSTED QUOTA TAKEN (2013 ADJUSTED QUOTA) ³	2012 LANDINGS DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD (mt dw)
DIRECTED FISHERY ¹	JAN 1 – JUNE 30	827.1	62.7% (1,318.8 mt dw)	51.5% (1,604.6 mt dw)	795.5
	JULY 1 - DEC 31	0.0	0.0% (1,318.8 mt dw)	0.0% (1,604.6 mt dw)	0.0
INCIDENTAL FISHERY ²	COMMERCIAL LANDINGS	29.9	11.2% (300 mt dw)	11.2% (300 mt dw)	0.2
	RECREATIONAL LANDINGS	3.6			5.7
TOTAL		860.5	29.3% (2,937.6 mt dw)	24.5% (3,509.2 mt dw)	801.4

1. Annual directed quota split equally into two 6 month seasons (baseline: 1,318.8 mt dw per season; adjusted: 1,604.6 mt dw); contains landings reported by vessels with directed or handgear swordfish limited access permits.
2. Recreational landings and commercial landings by incidental swordfish limited access and incidental HMS squid trawl permit holders count toward the annual incidental quota.
3. Adjusted quota does not include the 50 mt dw allocation to the reserve category

South Atlantic Swordfish

	2013 LANDINGS (mt dw)	PERCENT OF 2013 BASELINE QUOTA TAKEN (2013 BASELINE QUOTA)	PERCENT OF 2013 ADJUSTED QUOTA TAKEN (2013 ADJUSTED QUOTA)	2012 LANDINGS DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD (MT DW)
DIRECTED FISHERY (ANNUAL QUOTA)	0.1	0.0% (75.2 mt dw)	N/A	0.0

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic swordfish fishery interests to keep you informed about the 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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