



## Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishery Update

Below are the preliminary landings estimates in metric tons (mt) and pounds (lb) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic Shark commercial fisheries from **January 1, 2010, through February 28, 2010**. Most of these preliminary landings estimates include landing reports received through February 28, 2010; some estimates include landing reports received through March 15, 2010. The landings presented below are total landings reported through the Pelagic Dealer Compliance (PDC) (previously known as the Quota Monitoring System), and the Accumulated Landings System (ALS) (previously known as the general canvass). Landings within the shark research fishery were determined from trip tickets provided to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) by scientific observers. The estimates include landings by state-only permitted vessels, federally permitted vessels, and the 2010 shark research fishery participants. Due to the privacy regulations of North Carolina (NC), NMFS is unable to remove all instances where NC dealers report in both the PDC and ALS. As a result, some NC landings may be inflated. NMFS reminds fishermen and dealers that they are required to identify all landed sharks to species.

Species Group	Region	Season Opening Dates	2010 Quota	Estimated Landings	% of Quota
Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Sharks	Gulf of Mexico	February 4 (Closed: Mar 17) †	390.5 mt dw (860,896 lb dw)	272 mt dw (600,668 lb dw)	70%
	Atlantic	July 15	169.7 mt dw (374,121 lb dw)	0.04 mt dw (81 lb dw)	<1%
Shark Research Fishery Quota (Non-Sandbar LCS)	No regional quotas	January 5	37.5 mt dw (82,673 lb dw)	7 mt dw (15,481 lb dw)	19%
Shark Research Fishery Quota (Sandbar only)		January 5	87.9 mt dw (193,784 lb dw)	Inside SRF 10.7 mt dw (23,616 lb dw)  Outside SRF * 1.5 mt dw (3,249 lb dw)	14%
Small Coastal Sharks	No regional quotas	Effective date of Amendment 3 final rule	454 mt dw (1,000,888 lb dw)	0.1 mt dw (161 lb dw)	<1%
Blue Sharks	No regional quotas	January 5	273 mt dw (601,856 lb dw)	0 mt dw (0 lb dw)	0%
Porbeagle Sharks		January 5	1.5 mt dw (3,307 lb dw)	0.2 mt dw (468 lb dw)	14%
Pelagic Sharks Other Than Porbeagle or Blue		January 5	488 mt dw (1,075,856 lb dw)	18.9 mt dw (41,590 lb dw)	3.9%

† Fishery closed at 11:30 p.m. local time on March 17, 2010 (7 FR 12700).

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



This notice is a courtesy to the HMS fishery participants to help keep you informed about your 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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