



## Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update: Commercial and Recreational 2010 Fishing Year

The table below provides preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of March 31, 2010, in pounds (lb) and metric tons (mt) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic swordfish fisheries for the 2010 fishing year. Landings are estimated 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. As specified in § 635.27(c)(i)(B), all recreational landings are counted against the incidental quota. The 2010 annual directed landings quota seen below has not been adjusted for 2009 underharvests; NMFS is currently working on a proposed rule to adjust the 2010 base quota for these underharvests.

|  | Quota mt dw |                       | Landings        | Remaining Quota     | Percent of Quota Taken |
|--|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------|
|  |             |                       | mt dw (lb dw)   | mt dw (lb dw)       |                        |
| <b>NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH</b>                              |             |                       |                 |                     |                        |
| Directed Fishery First Season (Jan 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010)  | 1,094.8     | Commercial Landings   | 307.2 (677,190) | 787.6 (1,736,406)   | 28.1%                  |
| Directed Fishery Second Season (July 1, 2010 - Dec 31, 2010) | 1,094.8     | Commercial Landings   | 0.0 (0)         | 1,094.8 (2,413,596) | 0.0%                   |
| Incidental Fishery (annual quota)                            | 300         | Commercial Landings   | 0.1 (225)       | 296.6 (653,809)     | 1.1%                   |
|  |             | Recreational Landings | 3.3 (7,346)     |                     |                        |
| Total  | 2,937.6*    |                       | 310.6 (684,761) | 2,627.0 (5,791,472) | 10.6%                  |
| <b>SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH</b>                              |             |                       |                 |                     |                        |
| Directed Fishery (annual quota)                              | 75.2        | Commercial Landings   | 0               | 75.2 (165,786)      | 0%                     |

\*Includes 448.1 mt dw allocated to the reserve; 150.4 mt dw North Atlantic swordfish quota may be caught between 5 degrees North latitude and 5 degrees South latitude



This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic swordfish fishery interests to keep you informed about your 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](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/hmsdocument_files/SWORDFISH.htm#Landings) or contact Steve Durkee at (301) 713-2347.

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