



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 May 31, 2010**. Most of these preliminary landings estimates include landing reports received through May 31, 2010; some estimates include landing reports received through June 18, 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.

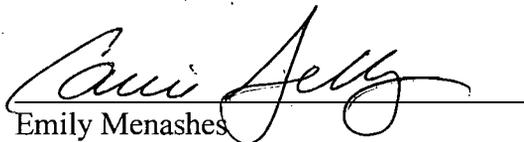
| Species Group | Region | Season Opening Dates | 2010 Quota | Estimated Landings | % of Quota |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|------------|
| Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Sharks | Gulf of Mexico | February 4 (Closed: Mar 17)† | 390.5 mt dw (860,896 lb dw) | 401.7 mt dw (885,615 lb dw) | 102.9% |
| | Atlantic | July 15 | 169.7 mt dw (374,121 lb dw) | 1.2 mt dw (2,641 lb dw) | <1% |
| Shark Research Fishery Quota (Non-Sandbar LCS) | No regional quotas | January 5 | 37.5 mt dw (82,673 lb dw) | 15.1 mt dw (33,361 lb dw) | 40% |
| Shark Research Fishery Quota (Sandbar only) | | January 5 | 87.9 mt dw (193,784 lb dw) | Inside SRF 30.9 mt dw (68,232 lb dw) Outside SRF * 0 mt dw (0 lb dw) | 35% |
| Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks | No regional quotas | June 1 | 221.6 mt dw (488,539 lb dw) | 6.4 mt dw (14,136 lb dw) | 2.9% |
| Blacknose Sharks | | June 1 | 19.9 mt dw (43,872 lb dw) | 0.1 mt dw (202 lb dw) | <1% |
| Blue Sharks | No regional quotas | January 5 | 273 mt dw (601,856 lb dw) | 3.0 mt dw (6,689 lb dw) | <1% |
| Porbeagle Sharks | | January 5 | 1.5 mt dw (3,307 lb dw) | 0.5 mt dw (1,138 lb dw) | 34% |
| Pelagic Sharks Other Than Porbeagle or Blue | | January 5 | 488 mt dw (1,075,856 lb dw) | 71.2 mt dw (157,011 lb dw) | 14.6% |

† 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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