



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 December 31, 2010**. The preliminary landings estimates include landing reports received through December 31, 2010. The landings presented below are total landings reported through the Pelagic Dealer Compliance (PDC), and the Accumulated Landings System (ALS). 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.

The preliminary 2010 commercial shark fishing season landings.

| 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 ¹) | 390.5 mt dw (860,896 lb dw) | 426.8 mt dw (940,885 lb dw) | 109% |
| | Atlantic | July 15 (Closed: Dec 5 ²) | 169.7 mt dw (374,121 lb dw) | 174.3 mt dw (384,256 lb dw) | 103% |
| Shark Research Fishery Quota (Non-Sandbar LCS) | | January 5 (Closed: Oct 12 ³) | 37.5 mt dw (82,673 lb dw) | 34.1 mt dw (75,276 lb dw) | 91% |
| Shark Research Fishery Quota (Sandbar only) | No regional quotas | January 5 | 87.9 mt dw (193,784 lb dw) | Inside SRF 64.6 mt dw (142,434 lb dw) | 80% |
| | | | | Outside SRF ⁶ 0.4 mt dw (793 lb dw) | |
| Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks | No regional quotas | June 1 (Closed: Nov 2 ⁴) | 221.6 mt dw (488,539 lb dw) | 150.6 mt dw (331,943 lb dw) | 68% |
| Blacknose Sharks | | | | 14.9 mt dw (32,825 lb dw) | 75% |
| Blue Sharks | No regional quotas | January 5 | 273 mt dw (601,856 lb dw) | 4.1 mt dw (9,121 lb dw) | 2% |
| Porbeagle Sharks | | January 5 (Closed: Sept 4 ⁵) | 1.5 mt dw (3,307 lb dw) | 1.7 mt dw (3,788 lb dw) | 114% |
| Pelagic Sharks Other Than Porbeagle or Blue | | January 5 | 488 mt dw (1,075,856 lb dw) | 130 mt dw (286,457 lb dw) | 27% |

¹ Fishery closed at 11:30 p.m. local time on March 17, 2010 (75 FR 12700).

² Fishery closed at 11:30 p.m. local time on December 5, 2010 (75 FR 75416).

³ Fishery closed at 11:30 p.m. local time on October 12, 2010 (75 FR 62690).

⁴ Fishery closed at 11:30 p.m. local time on November 2, 2010 (75 FR 67251).

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The estimated landings for the non-sandbar LCS in the Gulf of Mexico region decreased by 2.3 mt dw when compared to the landings used in the 2010 final shark specifications (75 FR 250, January 5, 2010). This decline is due to normal quality control procedures that occur when updated data is supplied. Additionally, since the last landings update used in the 2010 final shark specifications, the Atlantic non-sandbar LCS landings were exceeded by 4.6 mt dw. NMFS intends to adjust the 2012 quotas for non-sandbar LCS in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic regions to account for these changes, as appropriate.

Quotas and opening dates for the 2011 commercial shark fishing season.

| Species Group | Region | 2011 Annual Quota | Season Opening Dates |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Sharks | Gulf of Mexico | 351.9 (775,740 lb dw) | March 1, 2011 |
| | Atlantic | 190.4 (419,756 lb dw) | July 15, 2011 |
| Non-Sandbar LCS Research Quota | No regional quotas | 37.5 (82,673 lb dw) | January 1, 2011 |
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| Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks | | 314.4 (693,257 lb dw) | January 1, 2011 |
| Blacknose Sharks | | 19.9 (43,872 lb dw) | January 1, 2011 |
| Blue Sharks | | 273 (601,856 lb dw) | January 1, 2011 |
| Porbeagle Sharks | | 1.6 (3,479 lb dw) | January 1, 2011 |
| Pelagic Sharks Other Than Porbeagle or Blue | | 488 (1,075,856 lb dw) | January 1, 2011 |

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Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishery Update Correction

Since the Atlantic Shark commercial fisheries update for 2010, was released on January 24, 2011, NMFS noticed a miscalculation. The percentage of the sandbar sharks collected in the shark research fishery quota was over estimated and should have been 74 percent. The table below reflects this change. The other landing estimates remain the same.

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