



Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update: Commercial and Recreational 2011 Fishing Year

The table below provides preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of September 30, 2011, in pounds (lb) and metric tons (mt) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic swordfish fisheries for the 2011 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. On September 12, 2011, NMFS published a final rule (76 FR 56120) to adjust the 2011 baseline quota for 2010 underharvests. The table below provides both the baseline and adjusted 2011 quotas.

	Baseline Quota (mt dw)	Adjusted Quota (mt dw)		Landings	Percent of Baseline Quota Taken	Percent of Adjusted Quota Taken
				mt dw (lb dw)		
NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery First Season (Jan 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011)	1,104.2	1,838.6	Commercial Landings	701.8 (1,547,267)	63.6%	38.2%
Directed Fishery Second Season (July 1, 2011 - Dec 31, 2011)	1,104.2	1,838.6	Commercial Landings	404.3 (891,288)	36.6%	22.0%
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)	300	300	Commercial Landings	5.6 (12,365)	5.8%	5.8%
			Recreational Landings	11.9 (26,229)		
Total	2,937.6*	4,406.4*		1123.6 (2,477,149)	38.2%	25.5%
SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery (annual quota)	75.2	75.2	Commercial Landings	0.0 (0)	0.0%	0.0%

*Includes 429.3 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 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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