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Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update
2005 First and Second Semi-Annual Seasons

The table below provides preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of March 31, 2006, in pounds (lb) and metric tons (mt) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic swordfish fisheries for the first and second semi-annual seasons of the 2005 fishing year. The 2005 annual directed landings quota adjusted for underharvests for North Atlantic swordfish is 5953.4 mt dw and the annual incidental quota is 300 mt dw. In addition, 150.4 mt dw North Atlantic swordfish quota may be caught between 5 degrees North latitude and 5 degrees South latitude. The annual directed landings quota adjusted for underharvests for South Atlantic swordfish is 409.5 mt dw.

	Quota mt dw	Landings		Remaining Quota		Percent of Quota Taken
		mt dw	lb dw	mt dw	lb dw	
NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery First Season (June 1, 2005 - Nov 30, 2005)	2,976.7	643.1	1,417,772	2333.6	5,144,661	22%
Directed Fishery Second Season (Dec 1, 2005 - May 31, 2006)	2,976.7	330	727,422	2646.7	5,835,011	11%
Total (Directed)	5,953.4	973.1	2,145,194	4980.3	10,979,672	16%
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)	300	5.3	11,718	294.7	649,662	2%
SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery (annual quota)	409.5	0	0	409.5	902,784	0%

NMFS published a final rule on May 19, 2006 (71 FR 29087), to adjust the 2005 North and South Atlantic swordfish quotas based on updated information from the 2003 and 2004 fishing years. This FAX 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/swordfish_catch_statistics.htm or contact Chris Rilling at (301) 713-2347 x127.

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