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Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update
2007 Fishing Year

The table below provides preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of June 30, 2007, in pounds (lb) and metric tons (mt) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic swordfish fisheries for the abbreviated 2007 fishing year. Please note that these estimates are subject to late reporting and do not include recreational landings or discards. Starting in 2008, the National Marine Fisheries Service will manage the Atlantic swordfish quota on a calendar year basis. Due to the switch to calendar years, 2007 is an abbreviated fishing year from June 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007. The 2007 annual directed landings quotas seen below have been adjusted for 2005 or 2006 underharvests. Commercial landings (not including discards and recreational landings) for the 2006 fishing season were 1,641.6 mt dw or 44.1 percent of the unadjusted 2006 fishing year quota.

	Quota mt dw†	Landings		Remaining Quota		Percent of Quota Taken
		mt dw	lb dw	mt dw	lb dw	
NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery (June 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007)	3,601.9	73.6	162,294	3,528.3	7,778,455	2%
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)	300	0.0	0	300.0	661,380	0.0%
Total	4,406.4*	73.6	162,294	4,332.8	9,552,055	1.7%
SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery (annual quota)	150.4	0	0	150.4	331,572	0%

† North and South Atlantic swordfish quotas were proposed on June 18,2007 (72 FR 33426); a final rule to establish 2007 North and South Atlantic swordfish quotas is expected to publish soon.
*** includes 504.5 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**

NMFS is finalizing a rule to adjust the quotas consistent with the 2006 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas recommendations. 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/swordfish_quotas/swordfish_catch_statistics.htm or contact Jackie Wilson at (404) 806-7622.

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