



National Marine Fisheries Service
Highly Migratory Species Division

Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update
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The 2002 fishing year for North and South Atlantic swordfish began June 1, 2002, and ends May 31, 2003.

As of March 31, 2003, preliminary estimates of North Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2002, and ending May 31, 2003, indicate that:

- S** 2,091,968 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 65% of the quota for the FIRST SEMIANNUAL period. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 1,131,598 lbs dw remains of the first semiannual quota.
- 1,178,558 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 0.37% of the quota for the SECOND SEMIANNUAL period. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 2,045,008 lbs dw remain to be landed through May 31, 2003.
- S** 0 lbs dw have been landed in the incidental category, or 0% of the annual quota. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 661,380 lbs dw remains to be landed through May 31, 2003.

As of March 31, 2003, preliminary estimates of South Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2002, and ending May 31, 2003, indicate that:

- S** 24,357 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 0.04% of the annual quota. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 612,772 lbs dw remain to be landed through May 31, 2003.