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2015 North and South Atlantic Swordfish Quota Specifications

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Outline

- Proposed North Atlantic Swordfish Adjusted Quota
- 2014 Swordfish Quota Utilization
- Proposed South Atlantic Swordfish Adjusted Quota
- Timeline
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ICCAT Recommendation 13-02: North Atlantic Swordfish

- Atlantic-wide TAC of 10,300.8 mt dw (13,700 mt ww)
- U.S. base quota allocation is 2,937.6 mt dw
- Maximum underharvest carryover of 15% of the baseline quota (440.6 mt dw)
- Annual quota transfer of 18.8 mt dw from the United States to Mauritania
- This Recommendation applies to 2014, 2015 and 2016

Proposed North Atlantic Swordfish Adjusted Quota

2014 Landings	----- 1,183.9 mt dw
2014 Underharvest	----- 2,469.3 mt dw

Base Quota 2,937.6 mt dw

Max Underharvest Carryover + 440.6 mt dw

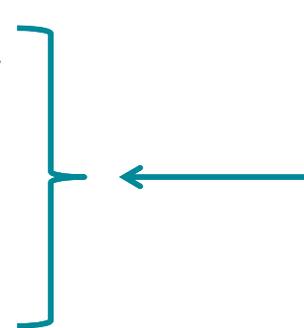
Quota Transfer to Mauritania - 18.8 mt dw

Adjusted Quota 3,359.4 mt dw

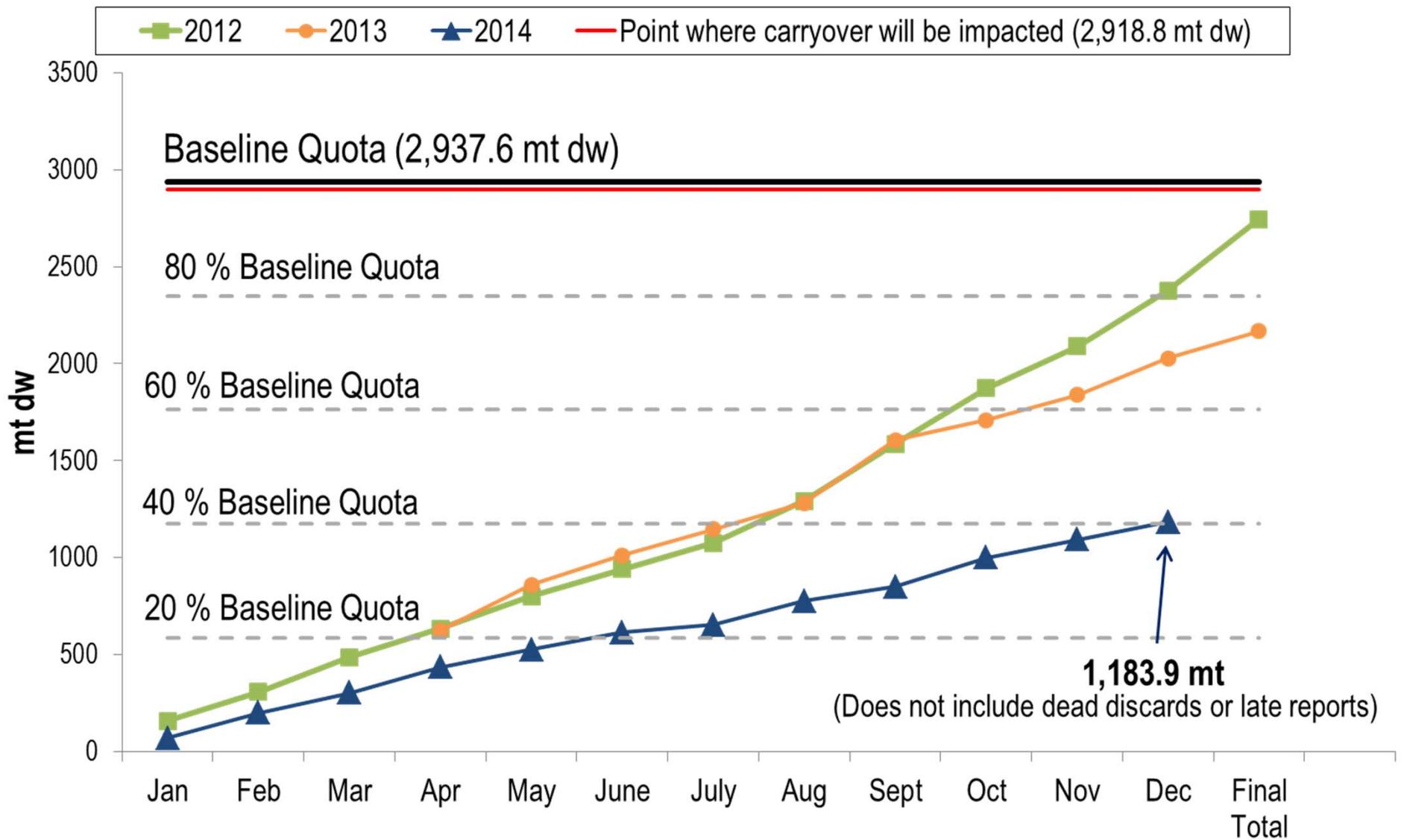
Directed Category - 3,009.4 mt dw

Incidental Category - 300 mt dw

Reserve Category - 50 mt dw



2014 North Atlantic Swordfish Quota Utilization



ICCAT Recommendation 13-03: South Atlantic Swordfish

- Atlantic-wide TAC of 11,278.2 mt dw (15,000 mt ww)
- U.S. base quota allocation is 75.2 mt dw
- Maximum allowable U.S. underharvest carryover of 100% of the baseline quota (75.2 mt dw)
- Annual 75.2 mt dw quota transfer from the United States to other countries
- This Recommendation applies to 2014, 2015 and 2016

Proposed South Atlantic Swordfish Adjusted Quota

2014 Adj Quota	-----	75.1 mt dw
2014 Landings	-----	0.0 mt dw
2014 Underharvest	-----	75.1 mt dw

Base Quota	75.2 mt dw
Max Underharvest Carryover	+ 75.1 mt dw
International Quota Transfers	- 75.2 mt dw
Adjusted Quota	75.1 mt dw

Timeline

- Proposed Rule Published February 19, 2015
- Comment Period Ends March 23, 2015
- Final Rule should publish in late spring

Request for Public Comments

Comment period closes on **March 23, 2015**

Please identify comments with NOAA-NMFS-2015-0023

Please submit comments to: <http://www.regulations.gov>,
Keyword - "NOAA-NMFS-2015-0023"

Comments can also be submitted by mail: Attn: Margo Schulze-Haugen,
NMFS/SF1, 1315 East-West Highway, National Marine Fisheries Service, SSMC3,
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