



Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update: Commercial and Recreational 2011 Fishing Year

The table below provides preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of July 31, 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. The 2011 annual directed landings quota seen below has not been adjusted for 2010 underharvests. On June 23, 2011, NMFS published a proposed rule (76 FR 36892) to adjust the 2011 base quota for these underharvests. The comment period for the proposed rule closed on July 25, 2011.

	Baseline Quota mt dw		Landings	Percent of Baseline Quota Taken
			mt dw (lb dw)	
NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH				
Directed Fishery First Season (Jan 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011)	1,094.8	Commercial Landings	680.5 (1,500,304)	62.2%
Directed Fishery Second Season (July 1, 2011 - Dec 31, 2011)	1,094.8	Commercial Landings	61.7 (136,075)	5.6%
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)	300	Commercial Landings	2.2 (4,932)	2.8%
		Recreational Landings	6.1 (13,531)	
Total	2,937.6*		750.6 (1,654,842)	25.6%
SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH				
Directed Fishery (annual quota)	75.2	Commercial Landings	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 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/hmsdocument_files/SWORDFISH.htm#Landings or contact Steve Durkee at (202) 670-6637.

Emily Menashes

Emily Menashes
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries

SEP 7 2011

Date

SIGN UP FOR ATLANTIC HMS NEWS

-- An electronic newsletter informing you of the latest HMS-related actions --

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/newslist/>