



**Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update**  
**2006 First and Second Semi-Annual Seasons**

The table below provides preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of April 30, 2007, 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 2006 fishing year. Please note that these estimates are subject to late reporting and do not include recreational landings or discards. The 2006 annual directed landings quota NOT adjusted for 2005 underharvests for North Atlantic swordfish is 2,554.9 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 NOT adjusted for 2005 underharvests for South Atlantic swordfish is 90.2 mt dw.

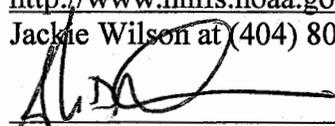
|  | Quota<br>mt dw  | Landings       |                  | Remaining Quota |                  | Percent of<br>Quota<br>Taken |
|--|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|
|  |                 | mt dw          | lb dw            | mt dw           | lb dw            |                              |
| <b>NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH</b>                                  |                 |                |                  |                 |                  |                              |
| Directed Fishery First Season (June 1, 2006 - November 30, 2006) | 1,277.5         | 590.4          | 1,301,626        | 687.0           | 1,514,640        | 46%                          |
| Directed Fishery Second Season (December 1, 2006 - May 31, 2007) | 1,277.5         | 626            | 1,380,806        | 651.1           | 1,435,460        | 49%                          |
| Incidental Fishery (annual quota)                                | 300             | 2.2            | 4,947            | 297.8           | 656,433          | 0.7%                         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>2,937.7*</b> | <b>1,219.0</b> | <b>2,687,379</b> | <b>1,718.6</b>  | <b>3,788,854</b> | <b>41.5%</b>                 |
| <b>SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH</b>                                  |                 |                |                  |                 |                  |                              |
| Directed Fishery (annual quota)                                  | 90.2            | 0              | 0                | 90.2            | 198,855          | 0%                           |

\*includes 82.7 mt dw allocated to the reserve

NMFS published a proposed rule to adjust the quota consistent with the 2006 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas recommendations (June 18, 2007, 72 FR 33436). Additionally, On June 6, 2007, NMFS published a final rule adjusting swordfish management measures (72 FR 31688). 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](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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