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Marine Fisheries Advisory

Rules Governing the 2011 Commercial Fisheries for Scup, Black Sea Bass and Fluke

Commercial Scup

Open Season	Gear Type	Open Days	Trip Limit	Minimum Size
May – Quota	Fish Weir	All	275,000 lb in aggregate	9"
April 23 – June 9	Nets During Squid Fishery	All	800 lbs/day	9"
June 10 – Quota	Nets During Fluke Fishery	Sunday – Thursday	800 lbs/day	9"
May 1 – May 31	Fish Pot and Hook and Line	Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday	400 lbs/day	9"
July 1 – Quota	Fish Pot and Hook and Line	Sunday – Thursday	800 lbs/day	9"

Commercial Black Sea Bass

Open Season	Gear Type	Open Days	Trip Limit	Minimum Size
January 1 – April 30	All Authorized Gears	All	100 lbs/day	12"
May 1 – May 31	Fish Pot and Weir	Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday	200 lbs/day	12"
May 1 – May 31	All Other Authorized Gears	Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday	80 lbs/day*	12"
August 1 – Quota	Fish Pot	Sunday – Thursday	200 lbs/day	12"
August 1 – Quota	All Other Authorized Gears	Sunday – Thursday	80 lbs/day*	12"

* Those taking black sea bass under the authority of a coastal lobster permit shall not take more black sea bass than the weight of lobsters on the 80 lb trip limit, whichever is more restrictive.

Commercial Fluke

Open Season	Gear Type	Open Days	Trip Limit	Minimum Size
February 1 – April 22	Nets	All	500 lb/day*	14"
April 23 – June 9	Nets and Longlines	All	100 lb/day	14"
June 10 – Quota	Nets	Sunday - Thursday	300 lb/day	14"
June 10 – Quota	Hook and Line	Sunday - Thursday	200 lb/day	14"

* Permit holders with a letter of authorization to participate in the 2011 experimental Period I Winter Fluke Pilot Program may retain and land up to 2,000 lbs/week until the designated Period I allocation is met.

For more information, contact *Marine Fisheries* at 617-626-1520 or online at

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