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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishery Landings Update

January 1 – August 14, 2013

Below are the preliminary landings estimates in metric tons (mt) and pounds (lb) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic shark commercial fisheries. These preliminary estimates are based on dealer reports and other information received from January 1 through August 14, 2013. The estimates include landings by state-only permitted vessels, federally permitted vessels, and the 2013 shark research fishery participants.

Management Groups	Region	2013 Quota *	Estimated Landings To Date in 2013	% of 2013 Quota	2012 Landings During The Same Time Period
Blacktip Sharks	Gulf of Mexico	256.6 mt dw (565,700 lb dw)	239.4 mt dw (527,824 lb dw) Closed ¹	93%	369.8 mt dw (815,236 lb dw)
Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks		157.5 mt dw (347,317 lb dw)	162.7 mt dw (358,620 lb dw) Closed ²	103%	
Hammerhead Sharks		25.3 mt dw (55,722 lb dw)	10.5 mt dw (23,212 lb dw) Closed ²	42%	
Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks	Atlantic	168.9 mt dw (372,552 lb dw)	107.8 mt dw (237,695 lb dw)	64%	32.9 mt dw (72,648 lb dw)
Hammerhead Sharks		27.1 mt dw (59,736 lb dw)	8.9 mt dw (19,613 lb dw)	33%	
Shark Research Fishery (Aggregated LCS)	No regional quotas	50.0 mt dw (110,230 lb dw)	9.2 mt dw (20,331 lb dw)	18%	9.1 mt dw (20,015 lb dw)
Shark Research Fishery (Sandbar only)		116.6 mt dw (257,056 lb dw)	23.2 mt dw (51,089 lb dw)	20%	24.7 mt dw (54,439 lb dw)
Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks	Gulf of Mexico	67.7 mt dw (149,161 lb dw)	53.0 mt dw (116,819 lb dw)	78%	133.8 mt dw (294,871 lb dw)
	Atlantic	261.5 mt dw (576,484 lb dw)	72.6 mt dw (160,080 lb dw)	28%	
Blacknose Sharks	Gulf of Mexico	2.0 mt dw (4,513 lb dw)	0.7 mt dw (1,565 lb dw)	35%	10.9 mt dw (23,991 lb dw)
	Atlantic	18.0 mt dw (39,749 lb dw)	11.6 mt dw (25,580 lb dw)	64%	

Management Groups	Region	2013 Quota *	Estimated Landings To Date in 2013	% of 2013 Quota	2012 Landings During The Same Time Period
Blue Sharks	No regional quotas	273.0 mt dw (601,856 lb dw)	4.5 mt dw (9,931 lb dw)	2%	8.6 mt dw (18,868 lb dw)
Porbeagle Sharks		Closed for 2013	0 mt dw (0 lb dw)	--	1.9 mt dw (4,105 lb dw)
Pelagic Sharks Other Than Porbeagle or Blue		488 mt dw (1,075,856 lb dw)	63.8 mt dw (140,740 lb dw)	13%	99.7 mt dw (219,691 lb dw)

*The 2013 quotas were from the final rule implementing Amendment 5a to the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan (78 FR 40318; July 3, 2013).

¹ Fishery closed at 11:30 p.m. local time on July 7, 2013 (78 FR 40318).

² Fishery closed at 11:30 p.m. local time on July 17, 2013 (78 FR 42021).

This notice is a courtesy to the HMS fishery participants to help keep you informed about the fishery. For further information on this landings update or the closure, contact Karyl Brewster-Geisz or Guý DuBeck at 301-427-8503. The information will also be posted on the HMS website at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms>.

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