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Reminder: 2017 Commercial Tautog Fishery to Open September 1 – No Spring Season

The spring commercial tautog season quota has been shifted to the fall. Beginning in 2017, the commercial fishery for tautog will remain closed until September 1. The state's entire commercial tautog quota is now allocated to the fall fishery. Tautog may not be retained or possessed in excess of the 3-fish recreational bag limit or sold until the start of the commercial fishery on September 1. No changes were made to the 16" minimum size limit or 40-fish commercial limit. The 2017 quota is 64,643 lbs.

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