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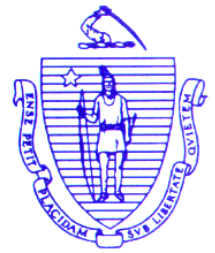
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

COMMERCIAL SCUP POSSESSION LIMIT FOR WINTER II PERIOD SET AT 27,000 POUNDS

The Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) has established permit conditions ([notice](#)) to set the state's scup possession and landings limit for the 2019 Winter II period (October 1–December 31) at 27,000 pounds. This state limit complements the federal limits announced by the National Marine Fisheries Service ([Bulletin](#)). The possession limit for the federally-managed Winter II fishery is based on the magnitude of the period's coastwide quota, which has been increased from roughly 3.82 million pounds to roughly 9.09 million pounds due to rollover of unused quota from the 2019 Winter I fishery (January 1–April 30).

DMF is accepting public comment on this action to set the 2019 Winter II trip limits commensurate with the federal limit. Public comment will be accepted through 5PM on Friday, October 11. Written comment may be submitted to Director David Pierce by e-mail to marine.fish@state.ma.us or by post sent to 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114. The Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission will then review this action at their October 17, 2019 business meeting.

For more information regarding the management of scup in Massachusetts, please visit our website: www.mass.gov/marinefisheries