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**Marine Fisheries Advisory**

**COMMERCIAL SCUP DAILY POSSESSION LIMIT DECREASED TO 3,000-LBS.**

Effective 0001 hours on Tuesday, November 1, 2005 *Marine Fisheries* will decrease the daily commercial scup possession limit to 3,000-lbs. The possession limit will remain in effect through the Winter II period until the federal quota is reached, or until December 31. Fishing is allowed 7 days per week. This reduction will complement recent federal action to implement a 3,000-lb. daily possession limit during the Winter II period of the commercial scup fishery. Details on the federal action are contained in an October 3<sup>rd</sup> NOAA Fisheries letter to permit holders available at: <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/nr/nrdoc/05scupwinteriadjust.pdf>.

On January 1, 2006 the Winter I period fishery will begin with a 10,000-lb. daily possession limit. All possession limits shall be based on a 24-hour day, shall be vessel limits, and shall apply regardless of the number of commercial fishermen with scup permits on board said vessel.

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