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MarineFisheries Advisory

Federal Winter II Commercial Scup Limit Set at 12,000 Pounds

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries has established a 12,000-pound federal commercial scup possession limit during the 2026 Winter II Period of October 1 – December 31. Massachusetts permit holders with a federal scup permit may retain, possess, and land scup consistent with the federal Winter II limit provided all catch occurred in federal waters, gear is stowed when transiting through Massachusetts state waters, and no stops are made except to land fish in a Massachusetts port unless explicitly instructed to do so by law enforcement personnel. For all commercial fishers targeting scup in state waters the trip limit during this period is 2,000 pounds.

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