



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### Marine Fisheries Advisory

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT: 2021 WINTER I COMMERCIAL SCUP LIMIT**

The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) is proposing to set the state's 2021 Winter I (January 1–April 30) commercial scup possession and landing limit at 50,000 pounds. This is commensurate with the anticipated federal trip limit for this period. While scup are not typically available in these quantities in our state waters during the winter, this will allow vessels fishing in other jurisdictions (e.g., federal waters) to land their lawfully caught scup in our ports.

DMF is accepting public comment on this proposal. Public comment will be accepted through 5PM on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Written comment may be submitted to Director Dan McKiernan by e-mail to [marine.fish@state.ma.us](mailto:marine.fish@state.ma.us) or by post sent to 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114. The Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission will vote on adopting this proposed 2021 Winter I scup limit at its December 10, 2020 business meeting.

For more information regarding the management of scup in Massachusetts, please visit our website ([www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries)) or call DMF at 617-626-1520.