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**30,000-LB. COMMERCIAL SCUP TRIP LIMIT SET FOR
2009 WINTER I FISHING PERIOD**

The Division of Marine Fisheries is providing this notice of regulatory measures in effect for the 2009 fishing period for scup:

Winter I fishing period from January through April 2009: It is unlawful for a commercial fisherman to land greater than 30,000-lbs. of scup in any two-week period to be reduced to 1,000-lbs. of scup per trip when 80 percent of the period quota is projected to be reached. Two-week periods shall be based on calendar weeks and begin on any Sunday at 12:00 AM and end on the second following Saturday at 11:59 PM. For purposes of enforcing this provision, enforcement officers may use federal vessel trip reports or dealer records.

These limits, approved by the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, complement commercial scup rules published by NOAA Fisheries and are consistent with the ASMFC interstate plan. The Winter I period commercial scup fishery is managed under a coast-wide quota by NOAA Fisheries.

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