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### **FEDERAL 2020 WINTER II SCUP QUOTA AND POSSESSION LIMIT SET; DMF PROPOSES TO ADOPT COMPLEMENTARY LIMIT**

NOAA Fisheries has transferred 4,850,963 pounds of coastwide commercial scup quota that went unused in the Winter I period (January 1–April 30) to the Winter II period (October 1–December 31). This results in a revised Winter II coastwide commercial scup quota of 8,394,299 pounds. As a result of this rollover, NOAA Fisheries is setting the federal Winter II commercial scup trip limit at 24,000 pounds. For more details, please review the [federal bulletin](#).

The Division of Marine Fisheries is proposing to establish a complementary 24,000-pound state limit for the Winter II period. The Winter II fishery occurs primarily in federal waters and this action is intended to allow those vessels fishing offshore to possess and land in Massachusetts ports scup that were lawfully caught in federal waters.

Public comment is now being sought on this proposed action. Public comment will be accepted through 5PM on Friday, September 25, 2020. Written comment may be submitted to Director Daniel McKiernan by e-mail ([marine.fish@mass.gov](mailto:marine.fish@mass.gov)) or post (251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114). Note that while public comment will be accepted through September 25, 2020, the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission will vote on this proposal at their September 24, 2020 business meeting. This concurrent process is consistent with the state's regulations for setting these Winter II limits.

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