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Commercial Mackerel Trip Limit Reduction Effective September 16

Effective Tuesday, September 16, the commercial Atlantic mackerel trip limit for Massachusetts state waters will be reduced from 5,000 pounds to 2,500 pounds. This trip limit will remain in place through the remainder of the calendar year. Federal permit holders are reminded they may possess and land Atlantic mackerel in Massachusetts in accordance with federal rules, provided the fish was lawfully caught outside of the waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth, gear is stowed, and the vessel is transiting to port to offload.

This action is scheduled to annually occur should NOAA Fisheries project 80% of the Atlantic mackerel quota has been taken. NOAA Fisheries published a [bulletin](#) announcing this on September 12 with an effective date of September 16.

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