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### Marine Fisheries Advisory

#### **NEW STATE-WATERS COMMERCIAL TRIP LIMIT FOR ATLANTIC MACKEREL**

Beginning for the 2024 fishing year (May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025), the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) has adopted a state-waters commercial trip limit for Atlantic mackerel. The trip limit will be set at 5,000 pounds to start the fishing year on May 1, then it will drop to 2,500 pounds once 80% of the annual federal quota is taken. This matches the federal open access trip limit for the 2024 and 2025 fishing years. Vessels may transit state waters in possession of non-conforming quantities of Atlantic mackerel provided the fish were lawfully caught in another jurisdiction (e.g., federal waters), all gear is stowed, no fishing is occurring, and the vessel does not make any stops unless authorized by DMF or required by law enforcement. Catch by fish weirs will be exempt from this trip limit should they encounter large quantities of Atlantic mackerel, which has happened on occasion in the past.

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