

**WEEKLY UPDATE: 06/24/11**

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**Rollout for 2011 Swordfish Quotas**

**2011 SWO commercial quotas**

The rule published today and the comment period ends July 25th.

Comments can be submitted electronically on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), by fax (301-713-1917), phone (301-713-2347) or mail (HMS Mgmt Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring MD 20910) to the HMS office. See Federal Register Notice for June 23, 2011

**GLOUCESTER, Mass. -- June 22, 2011--** Barely a month after the Ciulla family was issued a public apology and paid reparations for a decade of relentless federal fisheries enforcement harassment at their fish auction that uncovered "no credible evidence," NOAA administrator Jane Lubchenco has now ordered the business to close for 15 days. The decision, based on an interpretation of a March 1, 2010, settlement of the three cases which interlocked, was transmitted to Paul Muniz, attorney for the Gloucester Seafood Display Auction, via email Monday - while he and auction President Larry Ciulla were in Boston's Faneuil Hall. "I won, but they couldn't accept it," Ciulla told the Times in a telephone interview this afternoon. "It's almost like double jeopardy. What am I going to do about it? I haven't got a clue." The abuse continues.

**Pew's Josh Reichart in an interview in Sportfishing magazine** "There are a lot of issues that both Pew and the recreational-fishing community care about and on which we ought to be working together. The loss of top [marine] predators is one, for example. Populations of big billfish are in terrible trouble. We've got tremendously destructive gear such as longlines and bottom trawls that ought to be banned. Forage fish, which are so important to many recreational fisheries, are in need of better management. And the list goes on." (Emphasis mine) No mention by Pew of recreational overages or discard mortality...I guess they'll bring that up when we're gone.

**South Atlantic Vermilion Snapper Commercial Fishery Opens July 1, 2011**

The commercial sector for vermilion snapper in federal waters of the South Atlantic will reopen, effective 12:01 a.m. (local time) July 1, 2011. The July-December quota is 302,523 lbs, and the January-June quota is 315,523 lbs. Starting July 15, 2011, the trip limit for vermilion snapper will be 1,500 lbs. A trip limit is the amount of a species that may be possessed, landed, purchased or sold from a vessel per day.

**Reminder: Commercial and recreational harvest of red snapper in federal waters of the South Atlantic is prohibited.**

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Details of proclamations are on NCDMF's website [www.ncfisheries.net](http://www.ncfisheries.net)

**RE: SNAPPER-GROUPER COMPLEX-COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES**

Effective at **12:01 A.M., Wednesday, June 22, 2011**, the following restrictions will apply to the fisheries for snapper-grouper: **I. Black Sea Bass, south of Cape Hatteras (35° 15.0321' N. Latitude)** A. For **commercial** purposes: It is unlawful to possess black sea bass less than ten inches total length. B. For **recreational** purposes: 1. It is unlawful to possess black sea bass less than 12 inches total length. **2. It is unlawful to take or possess more than five (5) black sea bass per person per day without a valid Federal Commercial South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper Permit.** **II. Gag Grouper and Black Grouper** A. For **recreational** purposes:

1. It is unlawful to possess gag or black grouper less than 24 inches total length. 2. It is unlawful to possess more than one gag or one black grouper per person per day without a valid Federal Commercial South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper permit. B. For **commercial** purposes: 1. It is unlawful to possess gag or black grouper less than 24 inches total length. 2. It is unlawful to possess more than one gag or one black grouper per person per day without a valid Federal Commercial South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper permit. **3. Effective July 15, 2011, it is unlawful for a vessel with a valid Federal Commercial South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper Permit to possess more than 1,000 pounds (gutted weight) of gag grouper per trip.**

**III. Other Groupers** See Division website: [www.ncfisheries.net](http://www.ncfisheries.net)

**Meetings**

**CANCELED June 27 at 6 p.m. CANCELED**

**Blue Crab FMP Advisory Committee**

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**June 28 at 6 p.m.**

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