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Monkfish Fishery Management Plan **Framework Adjustment 10**

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We have approved Framework Adjustment 10 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan. This action sets quotas for fishing years 2017 through 2019 (May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2020). This action also approves possession limit and days-at-sea (DAS) increases for limited access monkfish permit holders.

Monkfish Total Allowable Landings (TALs) for Fishing Years 2017-2019

Management Area	TAL		TAL Change (%)
	Previous (mt)	Revised (mt)	
Northern Area	5,854	6,338	8.27
Southern Area	8,925	9,011	0.96

Northern Fishery Management Area incidental landing limits for vessels fishing on a groundfish DAS also increase:

- Category C: from 600 to 900 lb tail weight/DAS
- Category D: from 500 to 750 lb tail weight/DAS

Southern Fishery Management Area trip limit increases for limited access vessels:

- Category A and C: from 610 to 700 lb tail weight/DAS
- Category B and D: from 500 to 575 lb tail weight/DAS

Vessels can fish 5 more DAS in the Southern area; an increase from 32 to 37 DAS.

The remaining management measures remain unchanged and are summarized at https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/regis/infodocs/monkfish_fishery_info-final.pdf

Additional information on Framework 10 is available online at <https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/sustainable/species/monkfish/index.html>