



# Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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## 2018 Specifications for the Monkfish Fishery

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We are implementing the previously approved 2018 specifications for the monkfish fishery. This action sets quotas for fishing year 2018 (May 1, 2018, through April 30, 2019). The 2018 specifications are part of a multi-year approach that must be formally implemented each year. Measures (Table 1) include total allowable landings (TAL) in both the Northern and Southern Fishery Management Areas, day-at-sea (DAS) limits, and trip limits. These measures are the same as measures implemented in 2017.

**Table 1. Monkfish Specifications for Fishing Year 2018**

Management Area	TAL	DAS Maximum	Incidental Limit on a Groundfish DAS	Possession limit when on a Monkfish DAS
Northern Area	6,338	-	Category C: 900lb tail weight per DAS Category D: 750lb tail weight per DAS	-
Southern Area	9,011	37	-	Category A/C: 700 lb tail weight per DAS Category B/D: 575 lb tail weight per DAS

All other requirements remain the same and are summarized on our [Monkfish page](#)

We will provide a similar notice when the 2019 specifications are implemented prior to the May 1, 2019, start to the monkfish fishing year.