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Scup Winter II Period Quota and Possession Limit Increase

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The commercial scup quota and the possession limit per trip for the 2018 Winter II Period (October 1-December 31) have been increased due to the rollover of unused quota from the Winter I period.

2018 Winter II Period	Initial (lb)	Rollover (lb)	Revised Quota (lb)
Commercial Scup Quota	3,822,816	5,943,861	9,766,677
Possession Limit, Per Trip	12,000	N/A	28,500

Keep in mind that when the state and Federal possession limits are different, the most restrictive requirement applies for fishery participants that have both state and Federal permits.

In May 2018, we implemented a final rule that moved the month of October from the Summer period to the Winter II period. The 2018 Winter II period with the revised quota and possession limit shown above **begins October 1**, not November 1 as in previous years.

For small entity compliance guides, this bulletin complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996. This notice is authorized by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Greater Atlantic Region.