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DRAFT 2019 Bluefish Quota Distribution

*****Changes from 2018 in red**

The 2019 bluefish quota allocation is **anticipated to be 800,691** lbs. (subject to change). The quota distribution plan for bluefish is below.

	Dates	Quota	Initial trip limit	% Distribution
Period 1	January - April	112,840	10,000	15%
Period 2	May - June	188,067	1,000	30% (25% 2018)
Period 3	July - August	263,294	1,000	30% (35% 2018)
Period 4	September - October	142,931	1,000/2,000 – Oct.	15%
Period 5	November - December	45,136	10,000	10%

Provisions to the quota distribution plan:

- 1) Trip limits are established to distribute quota allocation over each period and to prevent closures if possible. Consequently, initial period trip limits may be set at modest levels.
- 2) Any unused allocation from Period 1 will be equally distributed to Periods 2, 3 and 4.
- 3) Any unused allocation from Periods 2,3 or 4 will roll over to the next period. Currently, the Fishery Management Plan does not allow for one year's unused quota to be rolled over to the next year.
- 4) **A maximum episodic event trip limit may be established for periods 4 and 5, upon determination of the Department that enough quota is available.**
- 5) If a period's quota is projected to be exceeded, that period will be closed until the next period to preserve quota for subsequent periods.
- 6) DEC may adjust this quota distribution plan if the level of harvest is different from what was projected to ensure maximum utilization of the bluefish resource and prevent the state allocation from being surpassed.
- 7) The final 2019 quota allocation is subject to change by adjustments made by the NOAA Fisheries.

Bluefish Quota Distribution Comparison for 2019 (*proposed*) and 2018

2019	Coastwide Commercial Quota 7,710,000		NY Commercial Allocation 10.3851%			NY Commercial Quota 800,691
	Period 1 (Jan-Apr)	Period 2 (May-June)	Period 3 (July-Aug)	Period 4 (Sept-Oct)	Period 5 (Nov - Dec)	
Quota distribution						
Percent	15%	30%	30%	19%	6%	100%
Period Quota	120,104	240,207	240,207	152,131	48,041	800,691
proposed trip limits	10,000	1,000	1,000	1000 - 2000 Oct.	2,000 - 10,000 Dec.	
2018	Coastwide Commercial Quota 7,243,725		NY Commercial Allocation 10.3851%			NY Commercial Quota 752,268
	Period 1 (Jan-Apr)	Period 2 (May-June)	Period 3 (July-Aug)	Period 4 (Sept-Oct)	Period 5 (Nov - Dec)	
Quota distribution						
Percent	15%	25%	35%	19%	6%	100%
Period Quota	112,840	188,067	263,294	142,931	45,136	752,268
Trip Limits	10,000	1,000	1,000	1000 - 2000 Oct.	1,000	
Period Quota with Rollover			141,263	183,004	230,480	
<i>Estimated Landings</i> <i>(subject to change)</i>	93	310,098	101,190	92,628	17,779	521,788
<i>Estimated % of Quota Landed</i> <i>(subject to change)</i>	0%	165%	72%	51%	8%	69%