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2019 Summer Scup Quota Distribution

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

The 2019 summer scup quota allocation is **anticipated to be 1,477,920** pounds (subject to change).

	Dates	Quota	Initial trip limit (lbs.)	% Distribution
Period 1	May - June	960,648	4,000 weekly 5/1-6/15 800	60%
Period 2	July - August	369,480	600	30% (20% 2018)
Period 3	September	147,792	600	10% (20% 2018)

Provisions to the quota distribution plan:

- 1) A weekly limit is established for May 1 through June 15 with a maximum of 2 landings per week. Fishers landing under the small mesh exemption may not exceed the weekly limit. A daily limit is established during the same period for those who do not want to fish under the weekly limit. Registration for program is required. Details to follow in separate mailing.**
- 2) Trip limits are intended to spread quota allocation over each period and to avoid fishery closures if possible. Consequently, initial period trip limits may be set at modest levels.
- 3) Any period's overharvest/underharvest 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) As per regulations, holders of a summer flounder fixed gear permit (pound net/trap net) will be exempt from any scup fishery closures, May 1 through October 31. In the event of a closure, a daily trip limit will be established for the fixed gear fishery.
- 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 scup 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.

Scup Quota Distribution Comparison for 2019 (proposed) and 2018					
2019	Coastwide Commercial quota 23,980,000	Summer Period % 38.95%	Summer Quota 9,340,210	NY Summer period % 15.8232%	2018 & 2019 NY Summer Period Quota 1,477,920
Periods	1 (May - June)		2 (July - August)	3 (September)	
% Percent	60%		30%	10%	100%
Period Quota	960,648		369,480	147,792	
Proposed trip limits (lbs.)	4,000 weekly (2 trips) May 1 – June 15 800		600	600	
2018					
% Percent	60%		20%	20%	100%
Period Quota	886,752		295,584	295,584	
Trip Limit (lbs.)	800		600	600	
Period Quota with Rollover			253,190	287,478	
Estimated Landings (subject to change)	929,146		261,296	117,775	1,308,217
Estimated % Quota (subject to change)	105%		103%	41%	89%

