



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
One Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

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REOPENING OF BLUEFISH FISHERY IN NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Atlantic Bluefish Dealer and
Commercial Vessel Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you of additional Atlantic bluefish quota available to North Carolina. I have approved a total transfer of 700,000 pounds of commercial bluefish quota from the State of Maryland (100,000 pounds), the Commonwealth of Virginia (300,000 pounds), and the State of Florida (300,000 pounds) to the State of North Carolina. As a result of this transfer, the commercial quota for North Carolina has been adjusted to 3,772,386 pounds, and the Federal bluefish fishery in North Carolina will reopen.

Therefore, effective 0001 hours August 2, 2001, fishing vessels issued a Federal Atlantic bluefish permit may land Atlantic bluefish in North Carolina, and dealers issued Federal dealer permits for Atlantic bluefish may purchase bluefish from federally permitted vessels that land in the North Carolina. The fishery will remain open until it is determined that the adjusted quota has been harvested.

For further information please call 978-281-9278.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia A. Kurkul".

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

