

## Commercial Fishery Possession and Landing Limits

**Effective: January 31 – February 17, 2017**

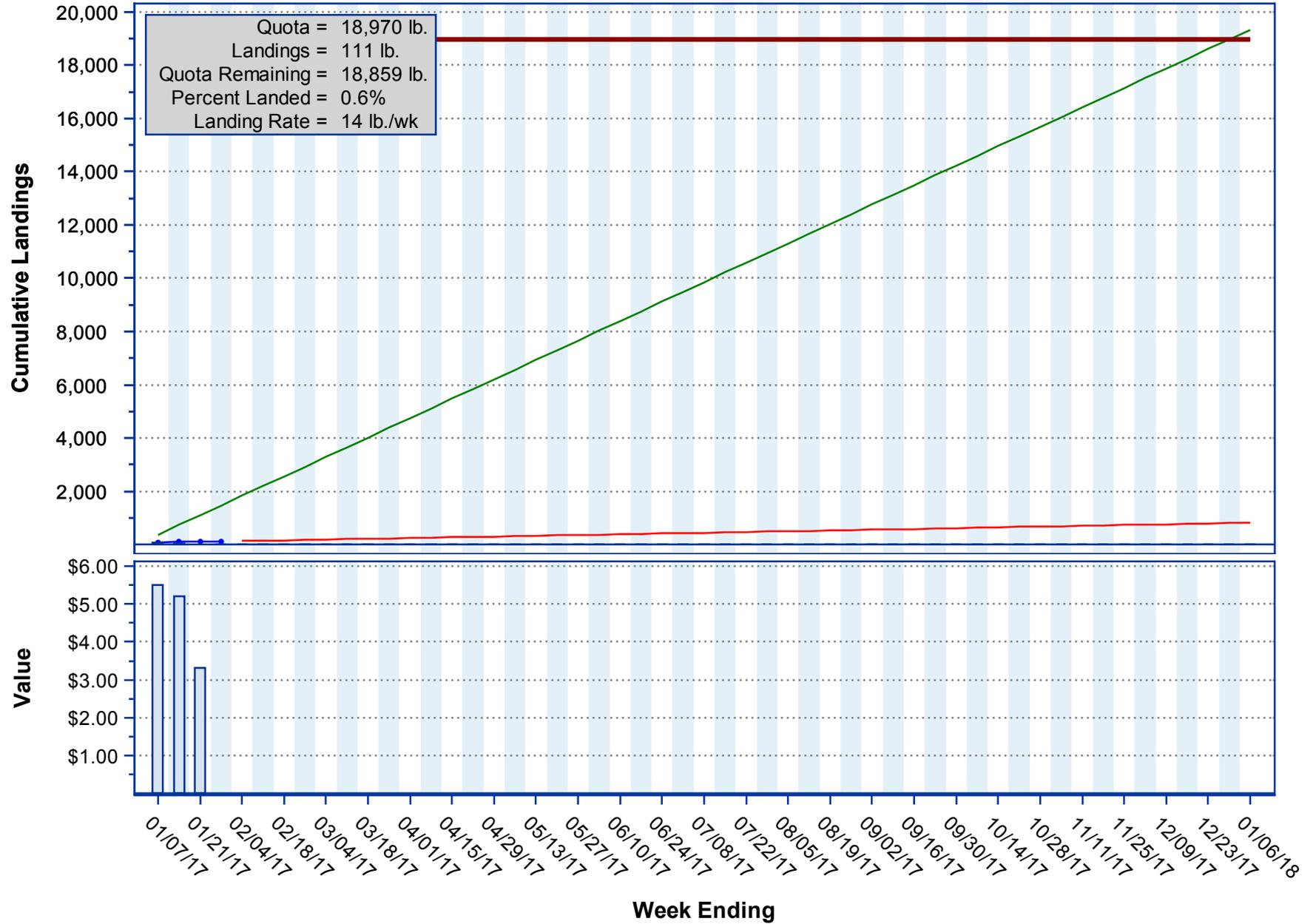
Species	Status	Limit	Comments
<b>American Lobster</b>	<b>OPEN</b>		Lobster Pot Allocation required to take lobsters by pot. During the Closed Season: Sep 8 – Nov 28, both dates inclusive, possession of lobster taken from Long Island Sound (LMA 6) is prohibited. Beginning November 15 gear may be redeployed, however traps may not be baited until November 22. Lobsters may be possessed and landed beginning November 29.
<b>American shad</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>		Open: April 15 – June 15, except weekends. American Shad may be taken in the Connecticut River only. Maximum gillnet soak time = 4 hours
<b>Atlantic menhaden</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>6,000 lb.</b>	Vessels may land over trip limit provided a quota transfer from another state is arranged in advance of landing.
<b>Black Sea Bass</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>10 fish</b>	<sup>1</sup> Black Sea Bass License Endorsement required to take sea bass - INCLUDING from lobster traps. <b>See page 4 for quota status.</b>
<b>Bluefish</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>1,200 lb.</b>	<b>See page 5 for quota status.</b>
<b>Horseshoe crab</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>25/500 crabs<sup>1</sup></b>	<sup>1</sup> Horseshoe Crab License Endorsement required. ASMFC allocation to CT: 48,689 crabs. Open: May 22 – July 7, except weekends. Possession limit 25 crabs by otter trawl, 500 by hand.
<b>Jonah crab</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>Lobster Pot: No Limit. Other Gear: 1000 crabs</b>	NEW – Minimum size = 4.75 inch carapace length NEW – Possession of egg bearing Jonah crabs or crabs from which the have been removed is prohibited. NEW - Jonah crabs must be landed whole. Landing claws only is prohibited. Possession of more than two loose claws per body is prohibited.
<b>Scup</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>50,000 lb.<sup>1</sup></b>	<sup>1</sup> NO Scup License Endorsement is required to land scup from November 1 – April 30. <sup>2</sup> Scup License Endorsement required May 1 – Oct 31, EXCEPT: (A) Under a Restricted Commercial Fishing License: 60 fish limit. (B) In the Lobster Pot Fishery, when in possession of lobsters: 10 fish. <b>See Page 6 for summer period quota status.</b>
<b>Spiny dogfish</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>6,000 lb. See New Note 1.</b>	ASMFC allocation to New England region: ... <sup>1</sup> By fisherman agreement first dorsal fin must remain attached to the carcass as required by ASMFC FMP
<b>Smooth dogfish</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>200 lb.</b>	By fisherman agreement first dorsal fin must remain attached to the carcass as required by ASMFC FMP.
<b>Summer flounder</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>500 pounds per two week period. First two week period 1/1 – 1/14. See page 2. Call in required.</b>	<sup>1</sup> License Endorsement required. <sup>2</sup> When required: prior to departure and again before offloading call EnCon Police at 860-424-3503 24/7 and provide vessel name, captain's name, departure date, return date, port of landing and prior to offloading, the hail weight of fluke onboard. <b>See page 7 for quota status.</b>
<b>Winter flounder</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>50 lbs. or 38 fish</b>	State waters closed to harvest March 1 through April 14. Federally permitted vessels are permitted to land the higher federal limits of fish taken from federal waters. Minimum Size: 12 inches.
<b>Weakfish</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>100 lbs.</b>	Minimum size: 16 inches.
<b>Tautog</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>10 fish<sup>1</sup> / 4 fish<sup>2</sup></b>	<sup>1</sup> When fishing under a Limited Access Commercial Fishing License. <sup>2</sup> When fishing under Restricted Commercial Fishing Licenses. Open seasons are: April 1-30, July 1-Aug 31, Oct 8 - Dec 24. Minimum size: 16 inches.

## Principal State Quota Managed Species – 2017 Adjustments.

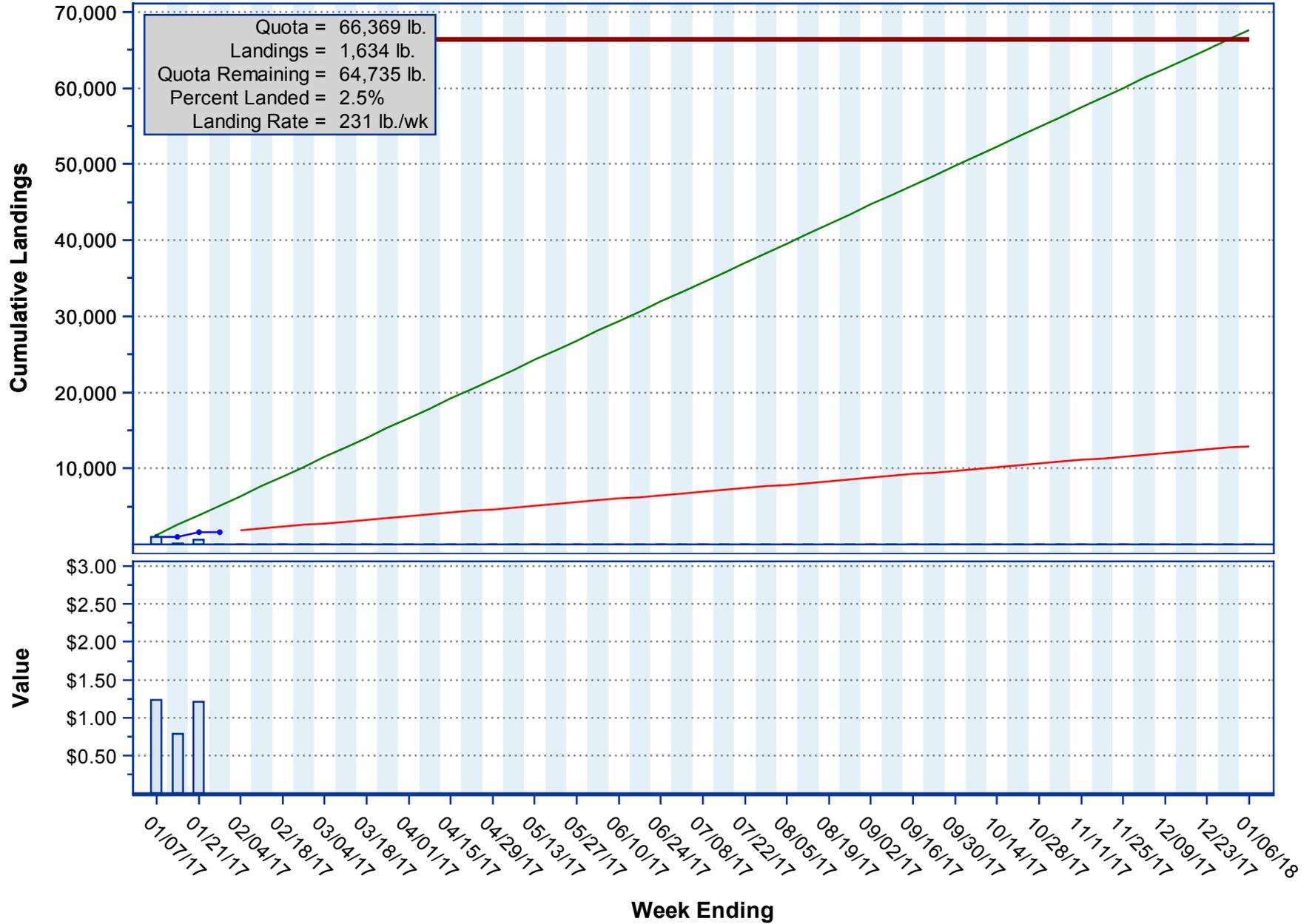
	<b>Summer Flounder</b>	<b>Scup</b>	<b>Black Sea Bass</b>	<b>Bluefish</b>
	<p>Minimum Size: 14”</p> <p>2017 quota = 127,734 lbs. From GARFO notice issued 12/21/2016.</p> <p>CT share=2.25708% of coast-wide annual quota.</p>	<p>Minimum Size: 9”</p> <p>2017 summer period quota = 225,773 lbs. Calculated from GARFO notice issued 12/21/2016.</p> <p>CT share=3.1537% of summer period coast-wide quota.</p>	<p>Minimum Size: 11”</p> <p>2017 quota = 18,600lbs. Calculated from GARFO notice issued 12/21/2016</p> <p>CT share= 1% of coast-wide annual quota</p>	<p>Minimum Size: 9”</p>
January 1	500 lb. per two week period.	50,000 lb.	10 fish.	1,000 lb.
PLANNED Winter 1 Period Jan 1 –Apr 30	<p>500 lbs. per two week period The two week periods begin at 0001 hours on Sunday morning and end on the second Saturday night at 2359. The two week period are: 1/1 – 1/14 1/15 – 1/28 1/29 – 2/11 2/12 – 2/25 etc.</p> <p>Call-in/Call-out required. Adjust limit to land not more than 25% of the annual quota by Apr 30.</p>	<p>50,000 lbs. Follows federal Winter 1 (Jan 1 – Apr 30) guidelines.</p>	<p>10 fish. Require Black Sea Bass License Endorsement for all gears including lobster pots. Remain open at 10 fish until 100% of the quota is harvested.</p>	<p>1,200 lbs. Adjust limit to land not more than 33% of the annual quota by Apr 30.</p>
PLANNED Summer Period May 1 – Oct 31	<p>75 lbs. all gears.</p> <p>Adjusted periodically to maintain consistent weekly landings rate, prevent in-season closure.</p> <p>Target landing approximately 2% of annual quota/wk. (8.33%/month).</p>	<p>For Scup License Endorsement Holders, May 1 – May 6 100 lb. then 1,200 lb.</p> <p>60 fish without Endorsement and fishing under a Restricted Commercial Fishing License.</p> <p>Adjusted periodically to maintain consistent weekly landings rate, prevent in-season closure and take 100% of the summer period quota by October 31.</p>		<p>1,200 lbs. all gears.</p> <p>Adjusted periodically to prevent in-season closure, but avoid excessive trip limits that change the character of the fishery.</p>

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	<p>Leave ~5% for Nov 1- Dec 31 (winter 2).</p>			<p>Target landing approximately 2+% of the annual quota/wk. (8.33+%/month).</p>
<p>PLANNED Winter 2 Period Nov 1 – Dec 31</p>	<p>100 lbs. all gears Adjust to prevent in-season closure if possible.</p>	<p>Follows federal Winter 2 (Nov 1 – Dec 31) guidelines: 12,000 lb. initial trip limit.</p>	<p>Continue Summer period management.</p>	<p>1,200 lbs. all gears. Adjust to prevent in-season closure.</p>

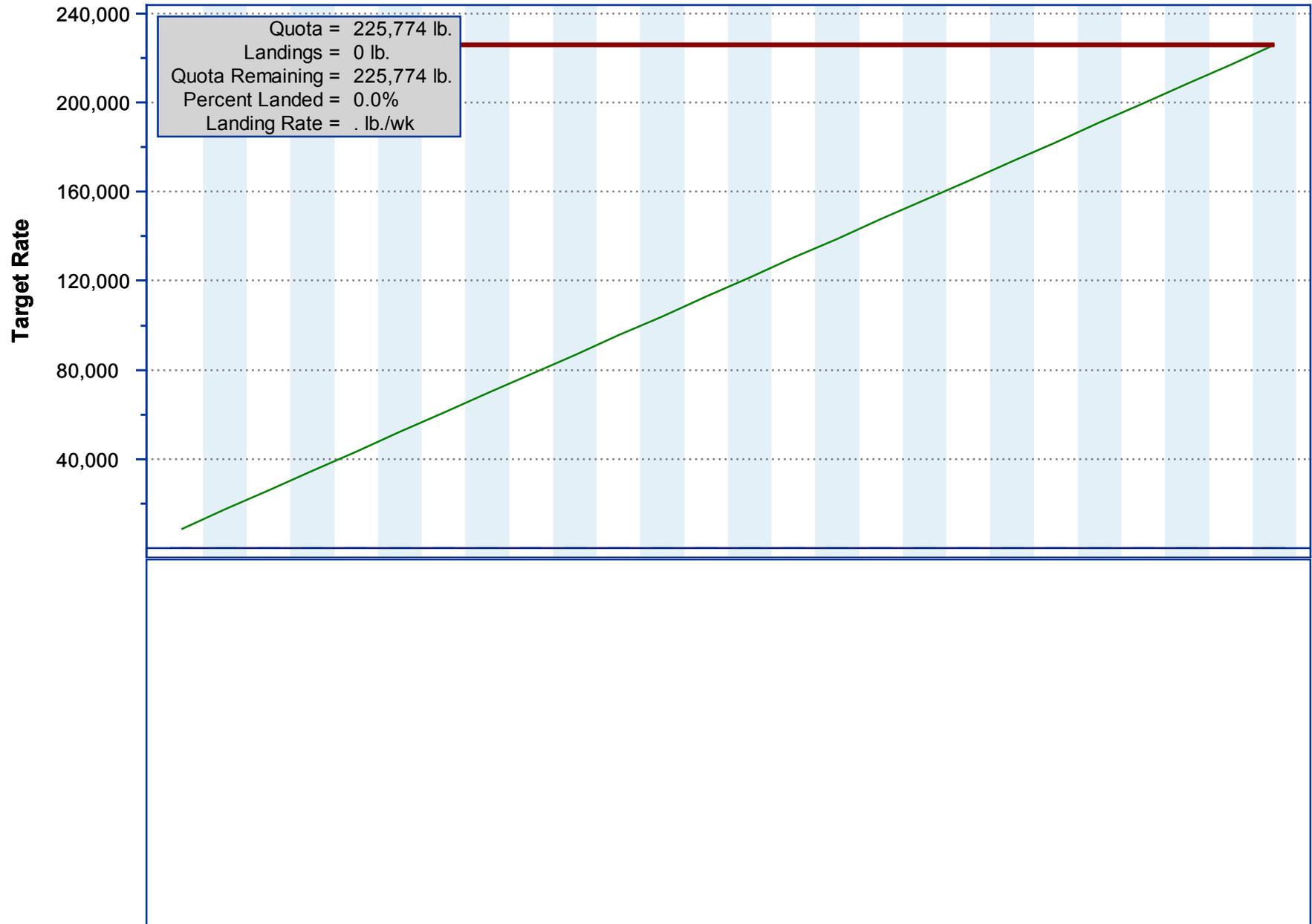
### 2017 Weekly Black Sea Bass Landings for Quota Monitoring



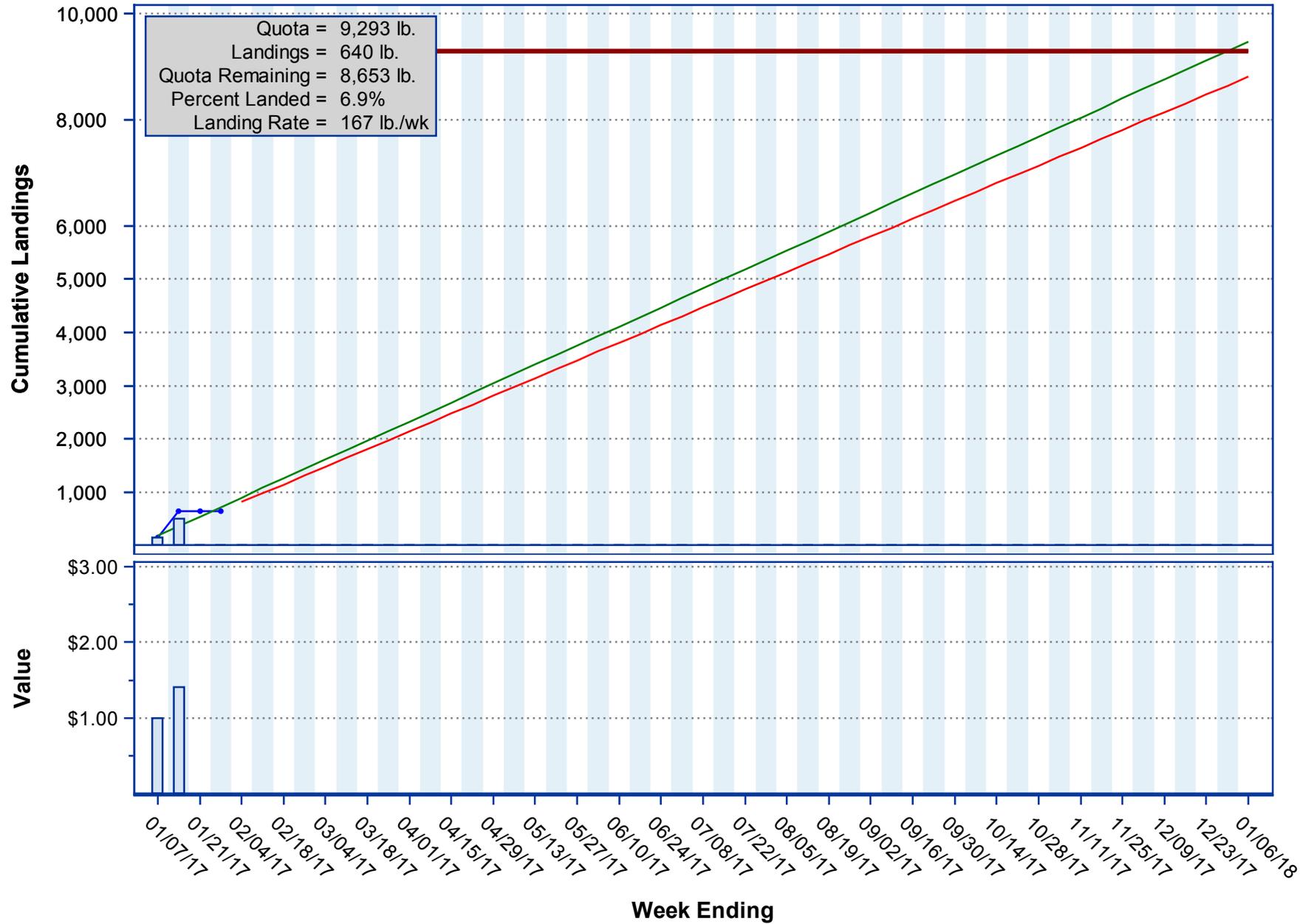
### 2017 Weekly Bluefish Landings for Quota Monitoring



### 2017 Weekly Scup Landings for Quota Monitoring



### 2017 Weekly Smooth Dogfish Landings for Quota Monitoring



### 2017 Weekly Summer Flounder Landings for Quota Monitoring

