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2019 Black Sea Bass Quota Distribution

***no changes from 2018

The 2019 black sea bass quota is **anticipated to be 246,400 pounds** (subject to change). DEC's quota distribution plan for black sea bass is as follows:

	Dates	Quota (lbs)	Initial trip limit	% Distribution
Period 1	Jan. 1 - April 30	24,640	150	10%
Period 2	May 15 - June 30	81,312	50	33%
Period 3	July – August	66,528	50	27%
Period 4	Sept - Oct	61,600	50	25%
Period 5	Nov - Dec	12,320	50	5%

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) Overharvest/under harvest from Period 1 will be deducted from/added to Period 5.
- 3) Overharvest/under harvest from Periods 2 through 4 will be rolled into 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) 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.
- 5) The final 2019 quota allocation is subject to change by adjustments made by NOAA fisheries.

Black Sea Bass Quota Distribution Comparison for 2019 (proposed) and 2018								
2019	Coastwide Commercial quota 3,520,000		NY Commercial % 7.00%			2018 & 2019 NY		
Periods	1 (Jan 1 - Apr 30)	2 (May 15 - Jun 30)	3 (Jul - Aug)	4 (Sep - Oct)	5 (Nov - Dec)	Commercial Quota 246,400		
Percent	10%	33%	27%	25%	5%	100%		
Period Quota	24,640	81,312	66,528	61,600	12,320	246,400		
proposed trip limit	150	50	50	50	50			
2018	1 (Jan 1 - Apr 30)	2 (May 15 - Jun 30)	3 (Jul - Aug)	4 (Sep - Oct)	5 (Nov - Dec)			
Percent	10%	33%	27%	25%	5%	100%		
Period Quota	24,640	81,312	66,528	61,600	12,320	246,400		
Trip Limit	150	50	50	50	50			
Period Quota with Rollover			60,627	75,407	27,772			
Estimated Landings (subject to change)	19,931	87,213	46,820	64,664	26,370	244,998		
Estimated % of Quota (subject to change)	81%	107%	77%	86%	95%	99%		