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December 6, 2019

Dear New Jersey Directed and Non-Directed Tautog Permit Holder:

As required by N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(c)11vi, the Department must notify all New Jersey Tautog Permit holders of the annual season allocations. This letter shall serve as notice regarding the 2020 New Jersey commercial tautog season.

The 2020 commercial tautog fishery is open from January 1 through May 1, and September 19 through December 31. The commercial tautog fishery is closed during all other periods. The minimum size limit remains at 15 inches.

Beginning on January 1, 2020, in compliance with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Amendment 1 to the Tautog Fishery Management Plan, all commercially sold tautog in New Jersey must be tagged by the harvester with tags supplied by New Jersey's Marine Fisheries Administration. These tags and one applicator must be picked up *in person* at the Bureau of Marine Fisheries Office, Nacote Creek Research Station, 360 N New York Rd (Rte 9 – Mile Marker 51), Galloway, NJ 08205. Tags will be available starting this month and should be picked up prior to your first anticipated tautog harvest trip in 2020. Enclosed are guidelines for tagging the fish and reporting the number of tags used, lost or damaged on monthly harvester reporting forms or the state copies of VTRs.

Commercial seasons, quotas, opening, and closing information is available on the Division of Fish and Wildlife website at <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/comquotas.htm>.

If you have any questions, please call the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020 or 609-292-7794.

Sincerely,

Assistant Director Marine Fisheries

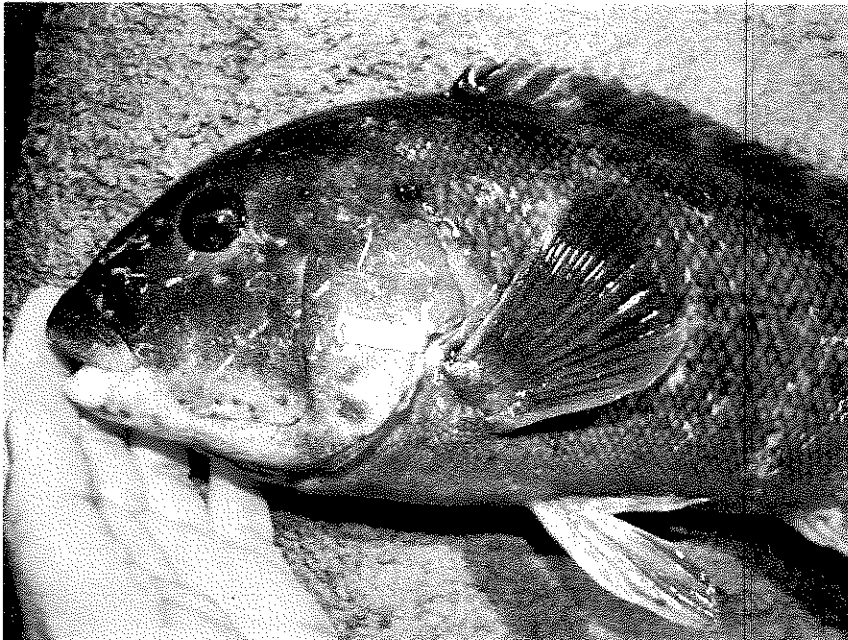
Enclosures

New Jersey's Tautog Commercial Tagging Program Guidelines

- Tags to be picked up in person at the Marine Fisheries Administration office at Nacote Creek Research Station, 360 N New York Rd (Rte 9-Mile Marker 51), Galloway, NJ 08205.
 - Tags will be available starting in December.
 - One applicator will be supplied to each permit holder by New Jersey for tag year 2020.
 - Additional applicators may be ordered from the manufacturer:

National Band and Tag Company,
721 York St., PO Box 72430
Newport, KY 41072-0430
(859) 261-2035
Email: tags@nationalband.com
website: <https://nationalband.com/>

- Harvester to apply tags at time of harvest, or prior to offloading or carring, or prior to disembarking vessel.
- Apply tags to the outer edge of the operculum bone of LEFT side of fish as shown:



(Photo courtesy ASMFC)

For manufacturer's instructional video on tag application:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_yEtIXLXlk

- Include the number of tags used, damaged or lost on monthly harvest reports or state copies of VTR (see sample reporting forms enclosed).
- Return all unused tags with the submission of December harvest report by January 10, 2021.
- Tags expire on December 31 of the year marked on the tag – Use only unexpired tags!
- Tags may not be possessed without concurrent possession of valid NJ commercial tautog permit.
- During the commercial tautog closed season (May 2 through September 18), possession of tags on board the vessel and the application of tags are prohibited.
- Additional tags, if needed, will be supplied by the Marine Fisheries Administration.

autog Tagging Reporting for those with
 Federal Reporting Requirement (VTR)
 1. Only write on "blue" state copy of VTR
 2. Report number of tags used at the
 bottom of VTR under species code
 3. Report lost/ damaged tags at the
 bottom of VTR under dealer name.

Mail reports monthly to:
 Trip Report
 Marine Fisheries Administration
 PO Box 418
 Port Republic NJ 08241
 If you have questions please call the
 Nacote Creek Research Station at
 (609) 748-2020

FISHING VESSEL TRIP REPORT

1. Vessel Name		2. USCG Documentation or State Registration		3. NMFS Vessel Permit Number	
4. Date and Time Sailed Date: ___/___/___ Military Time: ___:___ MM DD YY HH MM			5. Date and Time Landed Date: ___/___/___ Military Time: ___:___ MM DD YY HH MM		
6. Trip Type - check one box and record the number of crew including the captain. Party/Charter must also include the number of anglers.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: # of Crew: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Private Recreational - Private use of a federally permitted vessel # of Anglers: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Party: # of Crew: _____ # of Anglers: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Charter: # of Crew: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Charter: # of Anglers: _____			

COMPLETE A NEW FORM FOR EACH DIFFERENT CHART AREA, GEAR TYPE OR MESH/RING SIZE USED ON A TRIP.

7. Gear Code		8. Mesh/Ring Size		9. Gear Quantity		10. Gear Size		11. Fishing Depth (Fathoms)		12. Number of Hauls	
13. Chart Area		14. Latitude DEGREES MINUTES				15. Longitude DEGREES MINUTES				16. Tow / Soak Time HOURS MINUTES	
17. Species Code	18. Kept	19. Discarded	20. Dealer Permit Number	21. Dealer Name		22. Date Sold MM/DD/YY	23. Offloading Port for each species City State				
Example											
# USED		# LOST/ DAMAGED									
24. Operator Permit Number		25. Operator Name				26. Operator Signature				27. Date Signed MM/DD/YY	

STATE COPY

New Jersey Harvester Trip Report

County Landed _____

Fishermen name _____

Fishing year _____

Chart area _____

Gear ID _____ OR _____

Gear type _____

Vessel ID _____
Vessel name _____

I fished from shore

Did Not Fish (select all that apply)

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun
 Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec
 I am done fishing for the year

Gear quantity _____

Gear size _____

Mesh size _____

Tautog _____
County Tags _____

Buyer _____

Disposition

Discards

Kept

Species

Soak time

Crew

Hauls

Trip date

used # damage/lost

Example

Tautog Tagging Reporting for those with State Reporting Requirements (NJ Harvester Trip Report)

1. Tautog Tags are to be recorded on the right side of the NJ Harvester Trip Report under the County section. In this section please record the number of used tags and number of damaged/lost tags separately. For example # used/ #damaged and lost tags
2. Please record the county the catch was landed in at the top right hand side of the NJ Harvester Trip Report
3. This is an example please use the NJ Harvester Trip Report. This report can be found within the reporting instructions given at the time of renewal or online.

Please mail reports monthly to:

Trip Report
 Marine Fisheries Administration
 PO Box 418
 Port Republic NJ 08241

For additional reporting instructions please refer to the New Jersey Commercial Harvester Trip Reporting Instructions. Instructions are given at the time of license renewal. If you need instructions or have questions please contact the Nacote Creek Research Station at (609)748-2020