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Commercial Harvest of Atlantic Dolphin Will Close on June 24, 2015

The commercial harvest of Atlantic dolphin from Maine through the east coast of Florida will be closed, **effective 12:01 a.m. (local time), June 24, 2015**. Commercial harvest will reopen at 12:01 a.m. (local time) on January 1, 2016. Reports indicate that landings are approaching the 2015 catch limit for the commercial sector.

The operator of a vessel with a federal commercial permit for dolphin-wahoo that is landing dolphin for sale must have landed and bartered, traded, or sold such dolphin prior to 12:01 a.m. (local time), June 24, 2015. The prohibition on sale does not apply to sale or purchase of dolphin that were harvested, landed ashore, and sold prior to 12:01 a.m. (local time), June 24, 2015, and held in cold storage by a dealer or processor.

During the closure:

- Harvest or possession of dolphin is limited to the recreational bag and possession limits.
- Sale and purchase of dolphin is prohibited.
- The closure applies in both state and federal waters.

This closure is necessary to protect the dolphin-wahoo fishery.