

Commercial Fishery Possession and Landing Limits

Effective: March 1- March 31, 2019

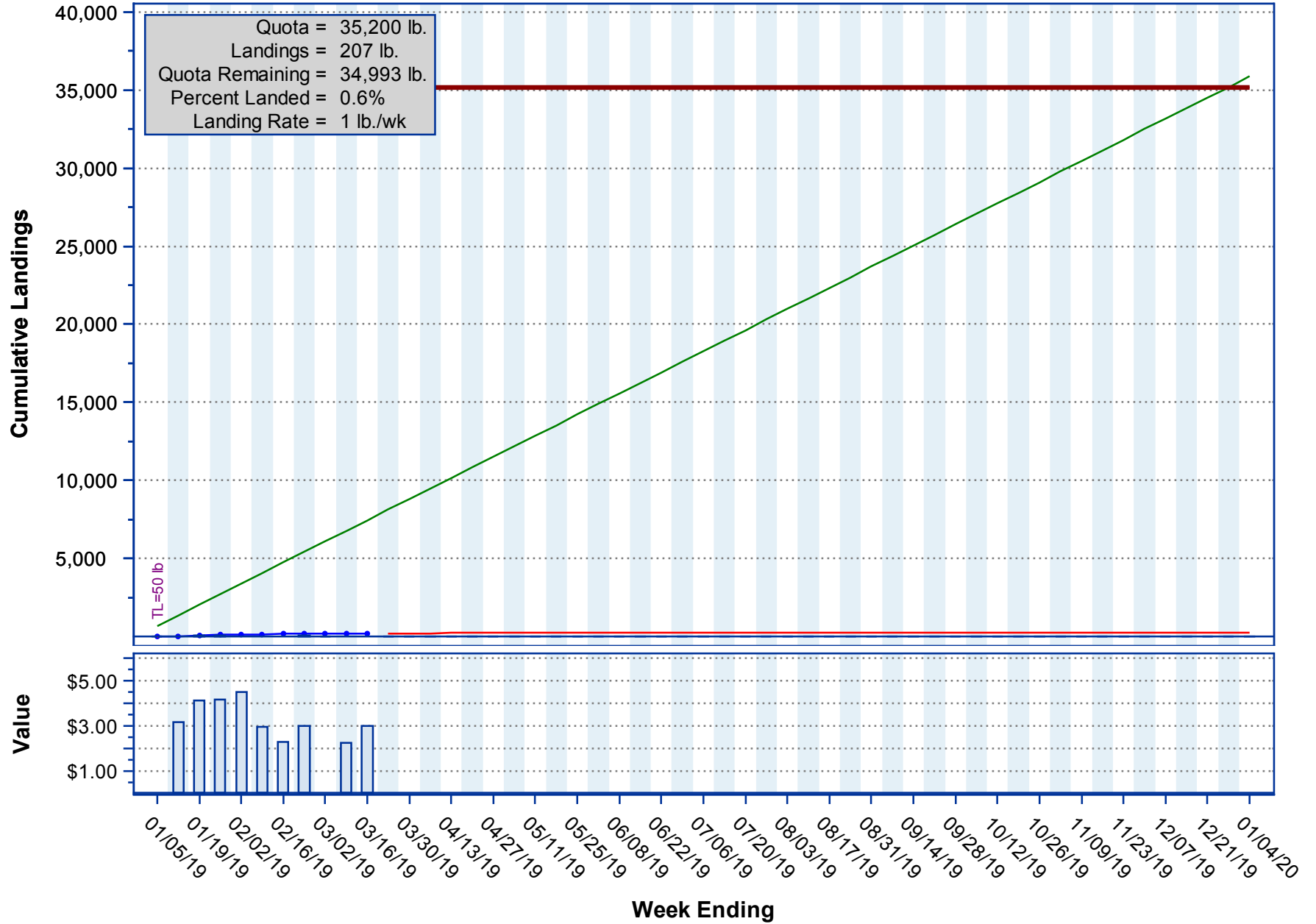
Species	Status	Limit	Comments
American Lobster	OPEN	Minimum size is 3 3/8"	Lobster Pot Allocation required to take lobsters by pot. During the Closed Season: Sep 8 – Nov 28, both dates inclusive, possession of lobster taken from Long Island Sound (LMA 6) is prohibited. Beginning November 15, gear may be redeployed, but traps may not be baited until November 22. Lobsters may be possessed and landed beginning November 29.
American shad	CLOSED Will open 4/1/2019		Open: April 1– June 15, except weekends. American Shad may be taken in the Connecticut River only. Maximum gillnet soak time = 4 hours
Atlantic menhaden	OPEN	12,000 lb ¹ from CT waters 120,000 lb ²	¹ Call-in required when in possession of more than 6,000 lb. EnCon Police: 860-424-3503 ² Taken from outside of CT waters
Black Sea Bass	OPEN	10 fish ¹	¹ Black Sea Bass License Endorsement required to take sea bass - INCLUDING from lobster traps. Minimum size: 11" See page 4 for quota status
Bluefish	OPEN	1,200 lb	Minimum size: 9" See page 5 for quota status
Horseshoe crab	CLOSED		¹ 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.
Jonah crab	OPEN	Lobster Pot: No Limit. Other Gear: 1000 crabs	Minimum size = 4.75 inch carapace length
Scup	OPEN	50,000 lb ¹	¹ NO Scup License Endorsement is required to land scup from October 1 – April 30. ² Scup License Endorsement required May 1 – Sep 30, EXCEPT: (A) Under a Restricted Commercial Fishing License: 60 fish limit. (B) In the Lobster Pot Fishery. Minimum size: 9" See page 6 for quota status
Spiny dogfish	OPEN	6,000 lb See Note 1.	ASMFC allocation to New England region: ¹ By fisherman agreement first dorsal fin must remain attached to the carcass as required by ASMFC FMP
Smooth dogfish	OPEN	50 lb See Note 1.	¹ By fisherman agreement first dorsal fin must remain attached to the carcass as required by ASMFC FMP. See page 8 for quota status
Summer flounder	OPEN	600 lb ¹ /biweekly See note 2	¹ Summer Flounder License Endorsement required. ² 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. Minimum size: 14" See page 7 for quota status
Tautog	CLOSED Will open 4/1/2019		¹ When fishing under a Limited Access Commercial Fishing License. ² 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.
Winter flounder	CLOSED		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.
Weakfish	OPEN	100 lb	Minimum size: 16 inches.

Principal State Quota-Managed Species – 2019 Adjustments.

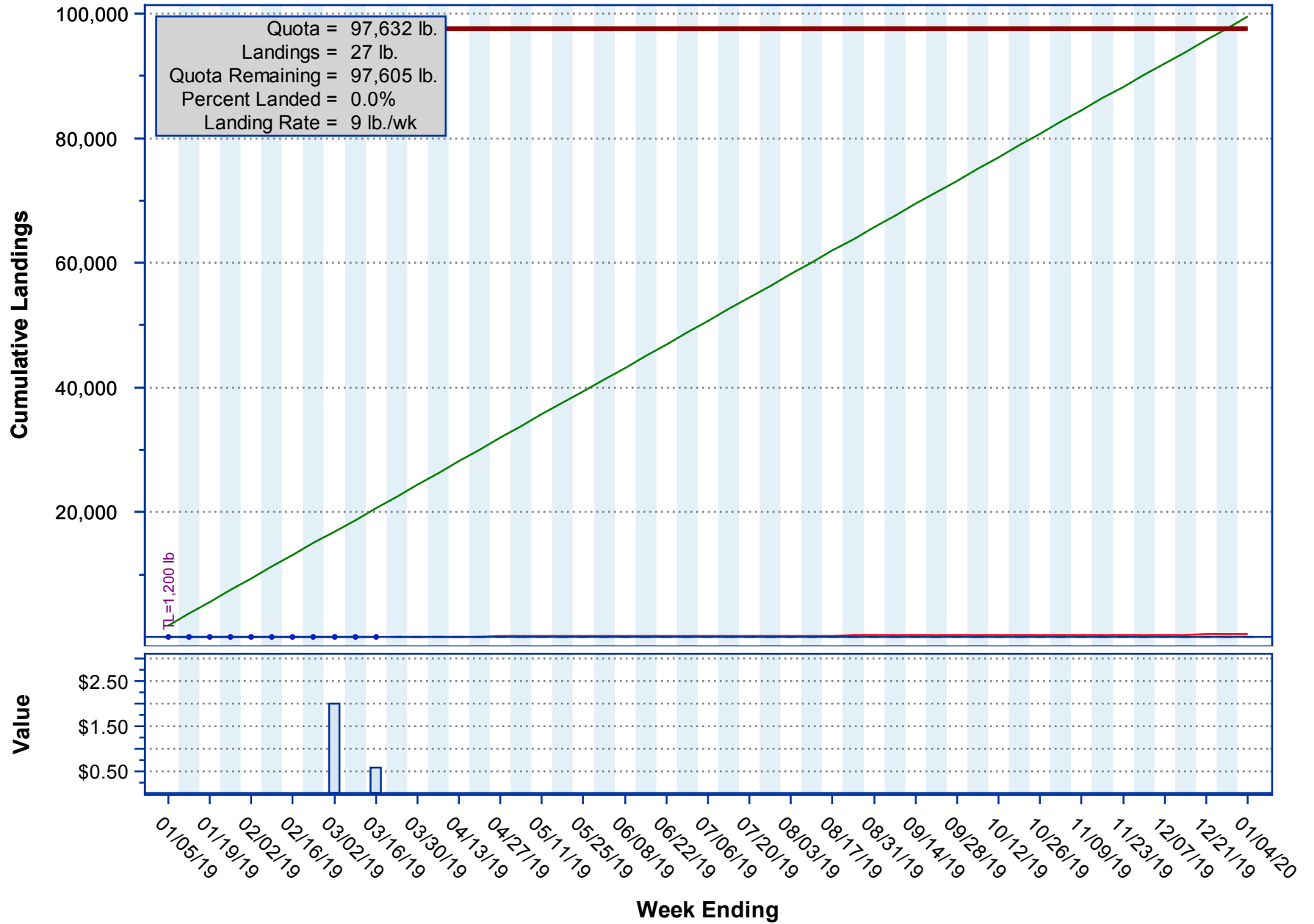
	Summer Flounder Minimum Size: 14” 2019 quota* = 150,547 lb** (preliminary) CT share=2.25708% of coast-wide annual quota. *Adjusted quota (2018 ACL overage deducted) **An assessment will be released in early 2019 and the quota may change	Scup Minimum Size: 9” 2019 summer period quota = 294,590 lb (preliminary) CT share=3.154% of summer period coast-wide quota.	Black Sea Bass Minimum Size: 11” 2019 quota = 31,400 lb (preliminary) CT share= 1% of coast-wide annual quota.	Bluefish Minimum Size: 9” 2019 quota = 97,632 lb (preliminary) CT share= 1.2663% of coastwide annual quota.
January	600 lb biweekly (per two week period)	50,000 lb	10 fish	1,200 lb
PLANNED Winter 1 Period	Jan 6 – Apr 30 600 lb 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 periods are: 1/6 – 1/19 1/20 – 2/2 2/3 – 2/16 2/17 – 3/2 etc. <u>Call-in/Call-out required</u> Adjust limit to land not more than 25% of the annual quota by April 30. Summer Flounder License Endorsement required.	Jan 1 – Apr 30 50,000 lb (Federal Winter 1 guidelines). No Scup License Endorsement Required during Winter 1 or Winter 2 periods. Dropping to 1,000 lb when 80% of the period quota has been harvested.	Jan 1 – Apr 30 10 fish Black Sea Bass License Endorsement required for all gears <u>including</u> lobster pots.	Jan 1 – Apr 30 1,200 lb Adjust limit to land not more than 33% of the annual quota by Apr 30.
PLANNED Summer Period	May 1 – Oct 31 100 lb all gears. Summer Flounder License Endorsement required. Adjusted periodically to maintain consistent weekly landings rate and to prevent in-season closure. Target landing approximately 2% of annual quota/wk. (8.33%/month). Leave ~5% for Nov 1- Dec 31 (Winter 2).	May 1 – Sep 30 1,200 lb for Scup License Endorsement Holders, 60 fish without Scup Endorsement <i>and</i> fishing under a Restricted Commercial Fishing License. Adjusted periodically to maintain consistent weekly landings rate, prevent in-season closure and take 100% of the summer period quota by September 30.	May 1 – Oct 31 10 fish Black Sea Bass License Endorsement required for all gears <u>including</u> lobster pots.	May 1 – Oct 31 1,200 lb all gears. Adjusted periodically to prevent in-season closure, but avoid excessive trip limits that change the character of the fishery. Target landing approximately 2+% of the annual quota/wk. (8.33+%/month).
PLANNED	Nov 1 – Dec 31	Oct 1 – Dec 31	Nov 1 – Dec 31	Nov 1 – Dec 31

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	<p>Minimum Size: 14”</p> <p>2019 quota* = 150,547 lb** (preliminary)</p> <p>CT share=2.25708% of coast-wide annual quota.</p> <p>*Adjusted quota (2018 ACL overage deducted)</p> <p>**An assessment will be released in early 2019 and the quota may change</p>	<p>Minimum Size: 9”</p> <p>2019 summer period quota = 294,590 lb (preliminary)</p> <p>CT share=3.154% of summer period coast-wide quota.</p>	<p>Minimum Size: 11”</p> <p>2019 quota = 31,400 lb (preliminary)</p> <p>CT share= 1% of coast-wide annual quota.</p>	<p>Minimum Size: 9”</p> <p>2019 quota = 97,632 lb (preliminary)</p> <p>CT share= 1.2663% of coastwide annual quota.</p>
Winter 2 Period	<p>75 lb all gears</p> <p>Summer Flounder License Endorsement required.</p> <p>Adjust to prevent in-season closure if possible.</p>	<p>12,000 lb</p> <p>(Federal Winter 2 guidelines).</p> <p>This limit may be adjusted based on Winter 1 fishery performance.</p> <p>No Scup License Endorsement required during Winter 2.</p>	<p>10 fish</p> <p>Black Sea Bass License Endorsement required for all gears <u>including</u> lobster pots.</p>	<p>1,200 lb all gears.</p> <p>Adjust to prevent in-season closure.</p>

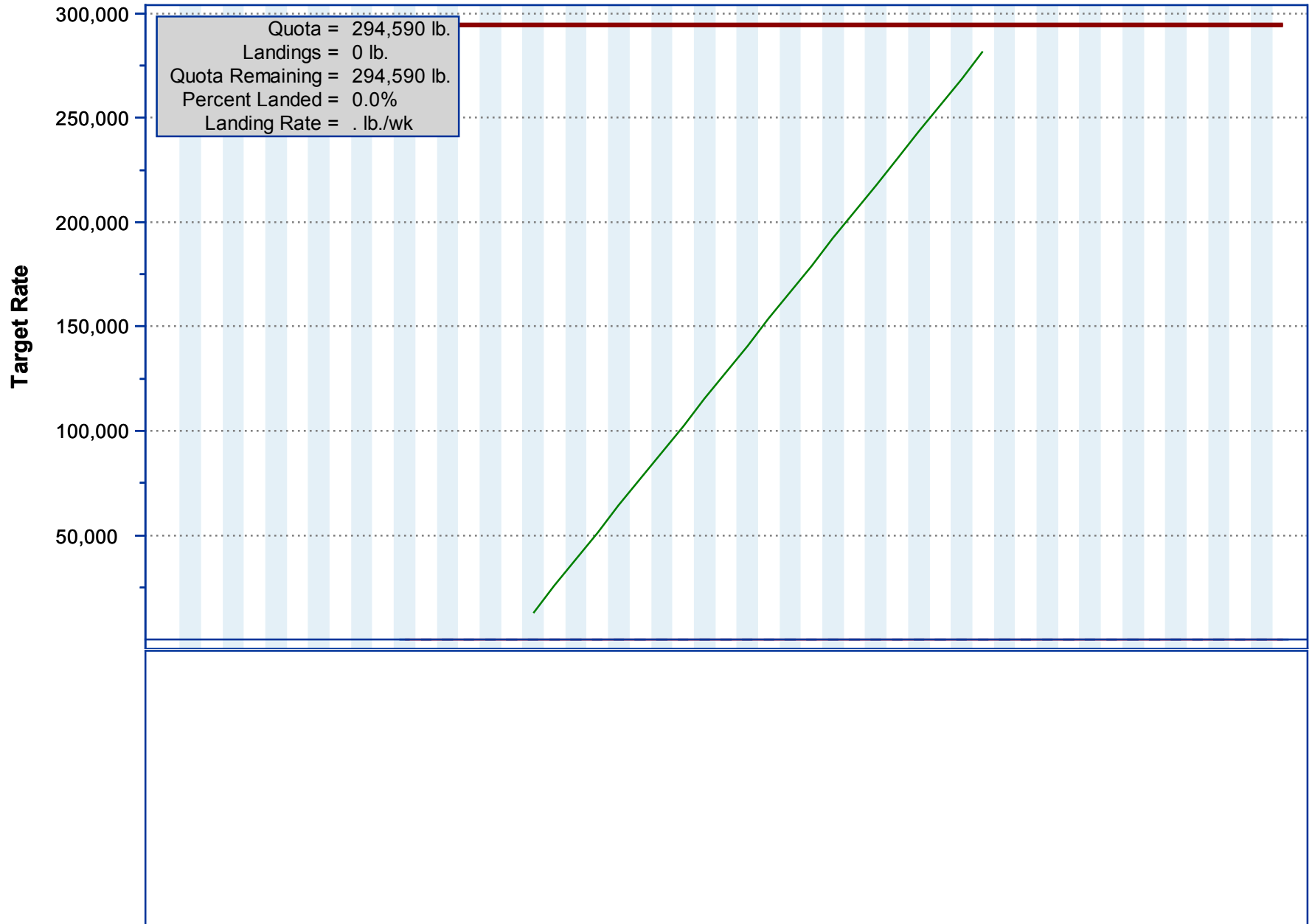
2019 Weekly Black Sea Bass Landings for Quota Monitoring



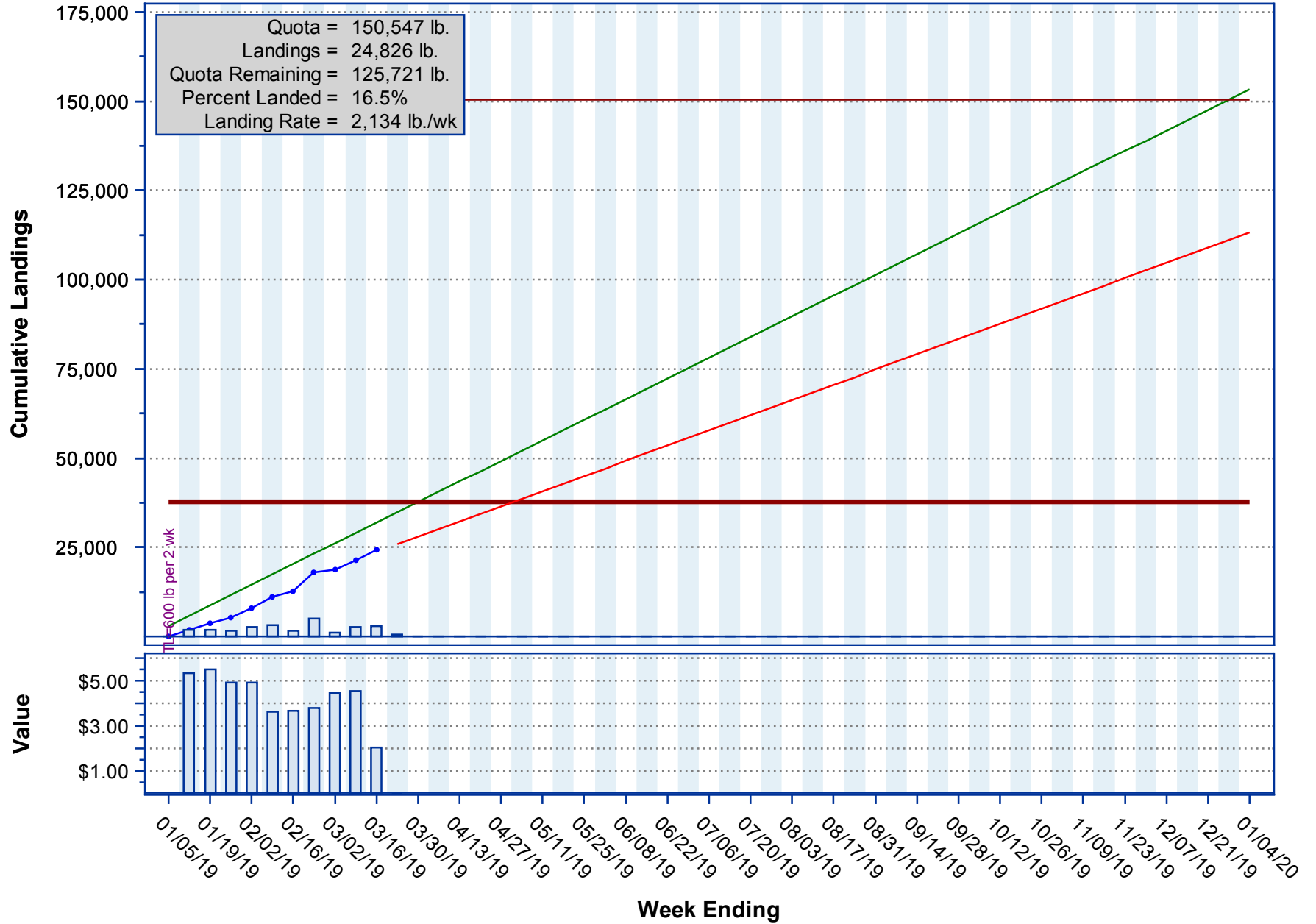
2019 Weekly Bluefish Landings for Quota Monitoring



2019 Weekly Scup Landings for Quota Monitoring



2019 Weekly Summer Flounder Landings for Quota Monitoring



2019 Weekly Smooth Dogfish Landings for Quota Monitoring

