



Blueline Tilefish 2023 Review

March 2022

Blueline Tilefish Current

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Table 1 and Table 2. Commercial blueline tilefish landings (live weight) from Maine-Virginia, 2000-2021 (Table 1) and 2021 by state (Table 2). Source: NMFS unpublished dealer data.

1.)

Year	Pounds
2000	2,446
2001	955
2002	269
2003	7,601
2004	5,827
2005	2,031
2006	3,039
2007	21,068
2008	8,495
2009	9,626
2010	8,388
2011	8,179
2012	9,624
2013	26,781
2014	215,928
2015	73,644
2016	14,235
2017	10,734
2018	13,068
2019	22,759
2020	31,918
2021	25,288

2.)

State	Pounds (2021)
MA	675
RI	1,176
NY	1,737
NJ	2,466
MD	14,906
VA	4,328
Total	25,288

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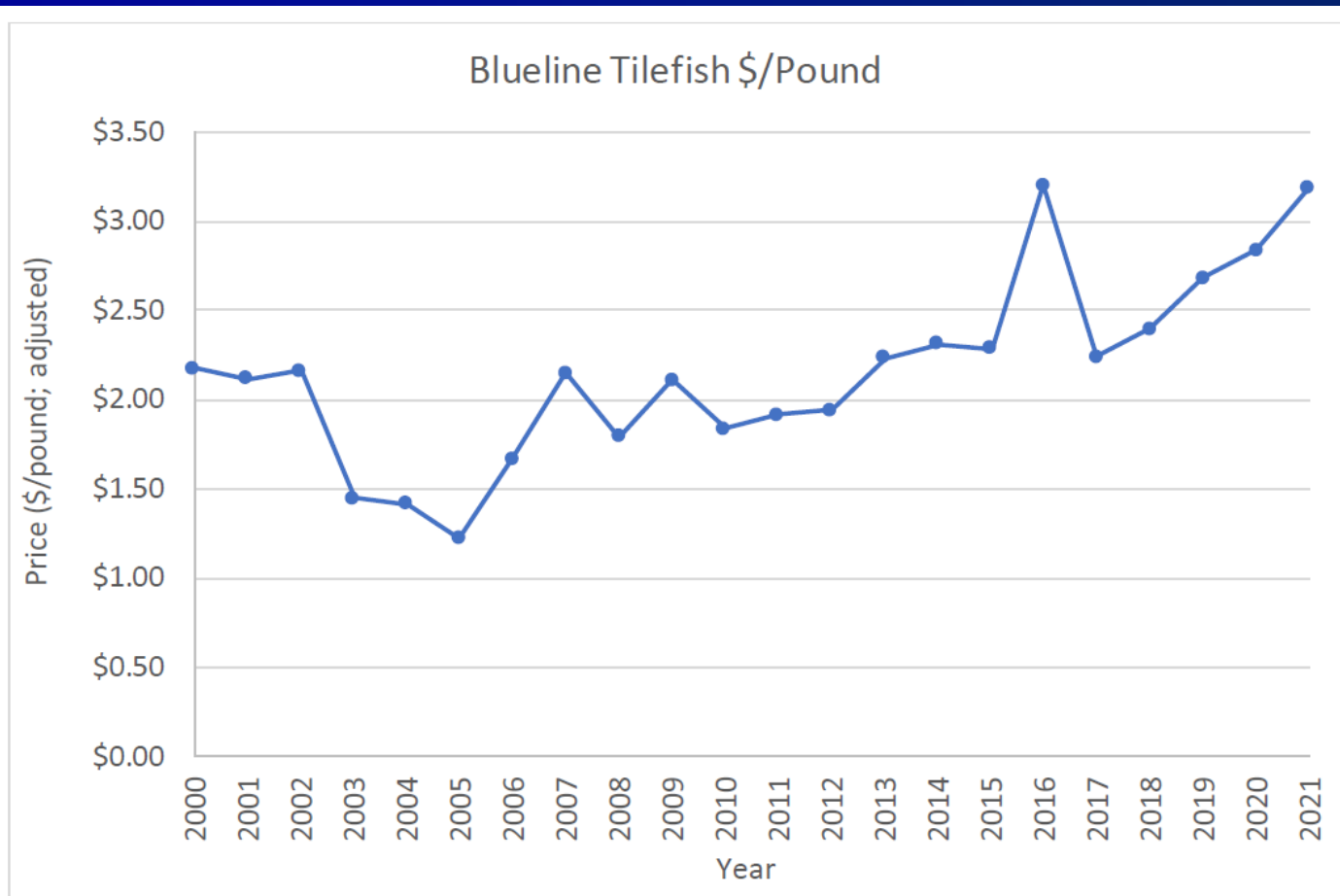


Figure 4. Price for blueline tilefish, Maine to Virginia combined, 2000-2021. Note: Price data have been adjusted by the GDP deflator indexed for 2020 (2021 – unadjusted). Source: NMFS unpublished dealer data.

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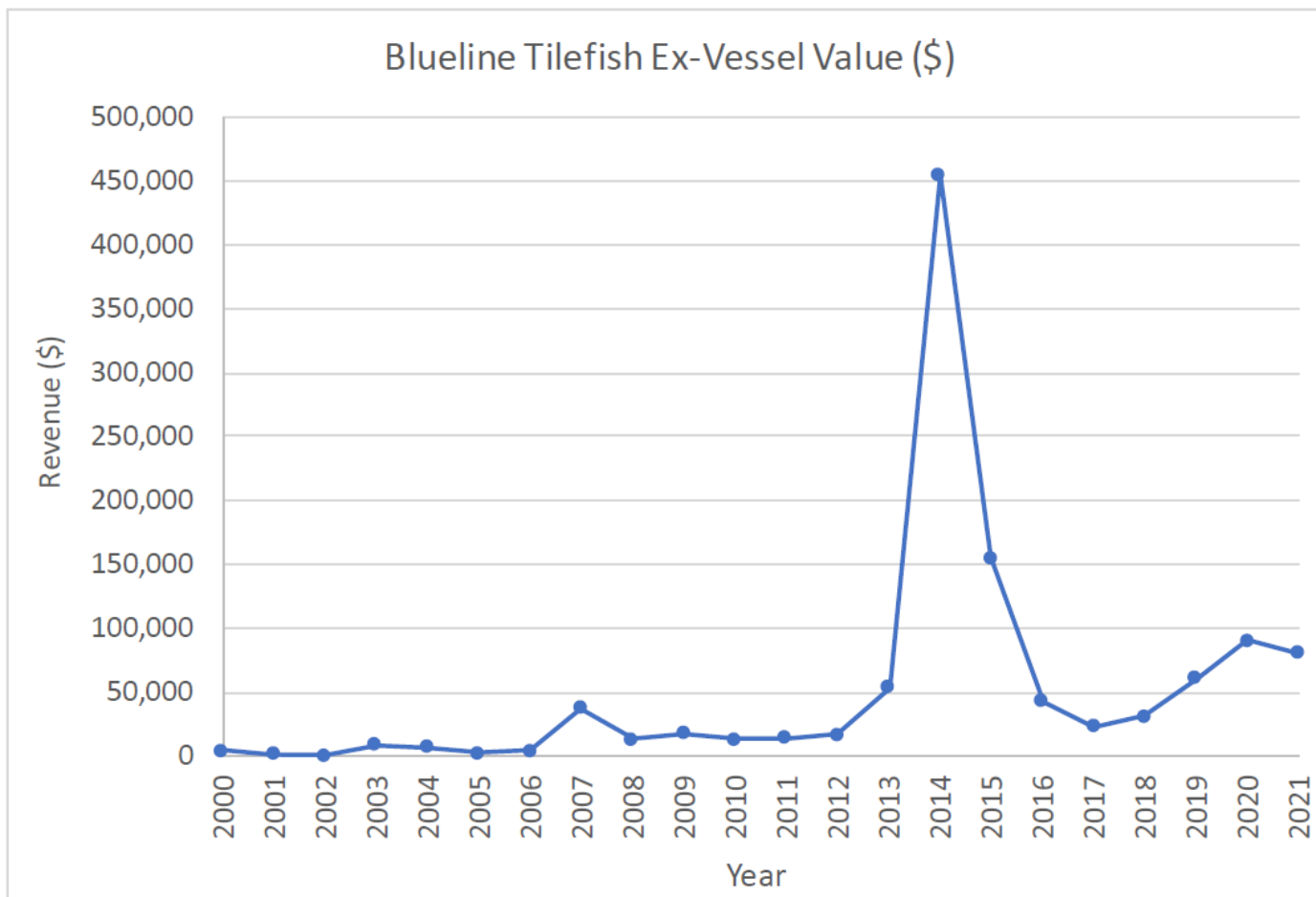
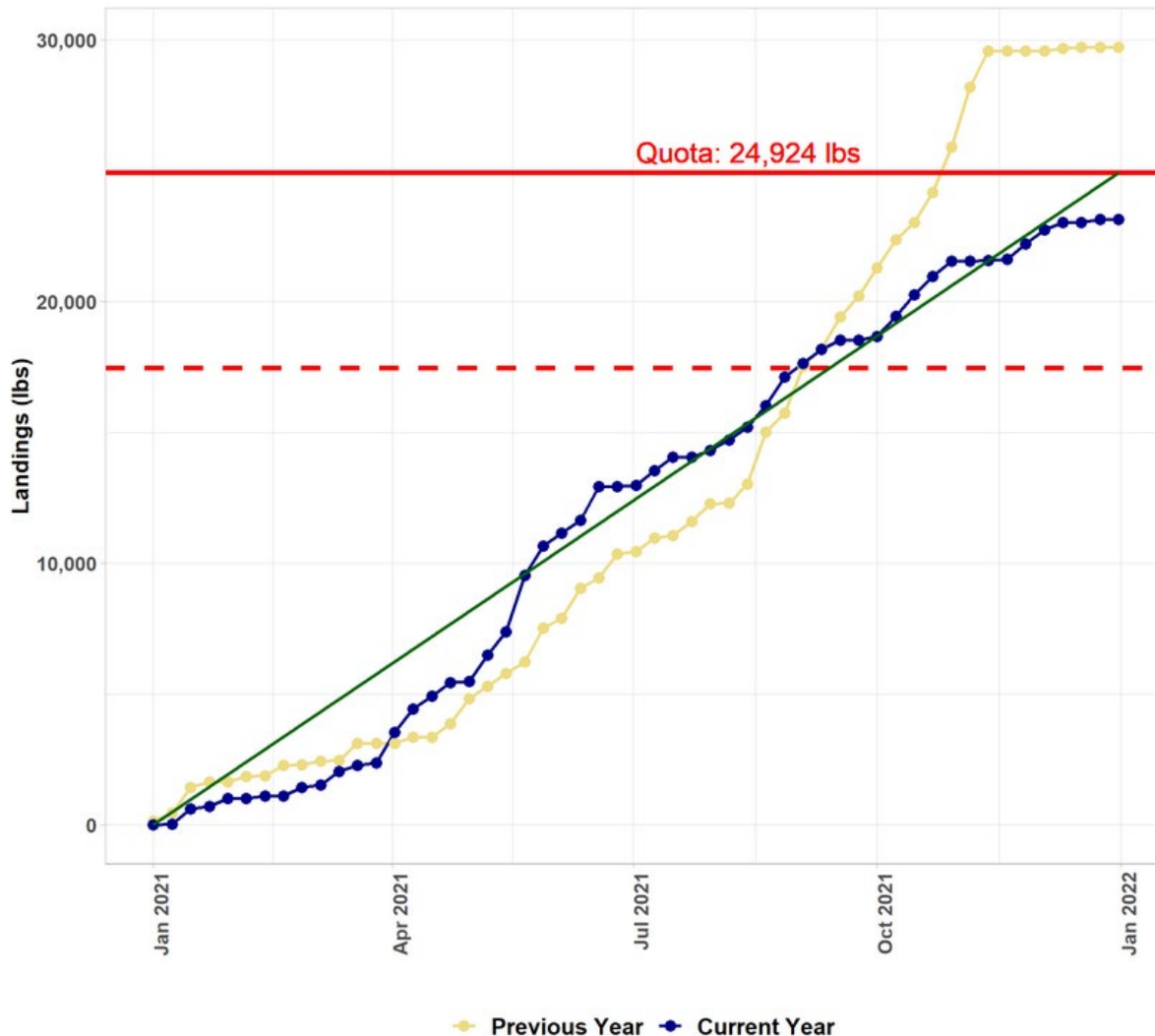


Figure 3. Ex-vessel revenues for blueline tilefish, Maine to Virginia combined, 2000-2021. Source: NMFS unpublished dealer data.

2020/2021 Quota Monitoring



September
10, 2021

Trip limit
reduction to
300 pounds

Recreational Catch

Table 9. Recreational blueline tilefish catch (ME-VA) using VTRs (party/charter: 2015-2021, private rental: 2020) and MRIP (private/rental: 2015-2019, 2021), as well as estimates of private/rental catch using the Delphi method (Delphi – 105.16% of charter).

Year	Party (Numbers)	Charter (Numbers)	Private Rental (MRIP 2015-2019, VTR 2020 Numbers, 2021 MRIP and VTR)	Private Rental (Delphi - Numbers)
2015	12,381	2,298	4,663	2,417
2016	13,746	2,057	116,833	2,163
2017	8,735	1,632	12,122	1,716
2018	4,796	7,885	2,989	8,291
2019	3,247	7,679	4,839	8,075
2020	6,166	3,626	MRIP = 481 Private VTR = 84	3,813
2021	10,314	3,568	MRIP = 48,749 Private VTR = 343	3,752

Fishery Performance Report

- Low quota and trip limits constrain effort/landings. Blueline trip limits generally discourage directed fishing.
- Some participants can put together a directed trip by mixing blueline, goldens, and other fish – but not worth it just for bluelines

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- Recreational catch estimate volatility continues to be an issue – there's not much faith in the year-to-year blueline MRIP catch estimates.

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