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The Department has set the specifications for the 2010 Commercial Yellow Perch Fishery

The 2010 Chesapeake Bay Commercial Yellow Perch Fishery's Total Allowable Catch (TAC) has been set at 50,249 pounds (all management regions combined – Upper Bay, Chester River and Patuxent River). Results of the 2009 Yellow Perch Assessment indicate that an Upper Bay TAC of 44,900 lbs would achieve the target fishing mortality rate ($F=0.48$) in 2010. However, an over harvest of the 2009 Upper Bay TAC (4,951 lbs.) was subtracted from the original TAC calculated for the Upper Bay, setting the 2010 Upper Bay TAC at 39,949 lbs. The Chester River TAC is established as a proportion to the Upper Bay TAC that would achieve the target fishing mortality rate. This methodology sets the Chester River TAC at 7,800 lbs. Limited yellow perch data on the Patuxent River requires the Department to maintain status quo when setting the annual TAC, therefore, the Patuxent River TAC will be 2,500 lbs and the harvest limit will remain at 100 lbs/license/day.

The following table summarizes the 2009 and 2010 commercial TACs / harvest by management region. All values are reported in pounds:

Management Region	2009			2010	
	TAC	Harvest	Overage	TAC	Adjusted Final TAC
Upper Bay	38,000	42,951	4,951	44,900	39,949
Chester River	6,600	4,598	N/A	7,800	7,800
Patuxent River	2,500	1,149	N/A	2,500	2,500
				Total	50,249