



Spot Fishery Management Plan Review



Spot Plan Review Team

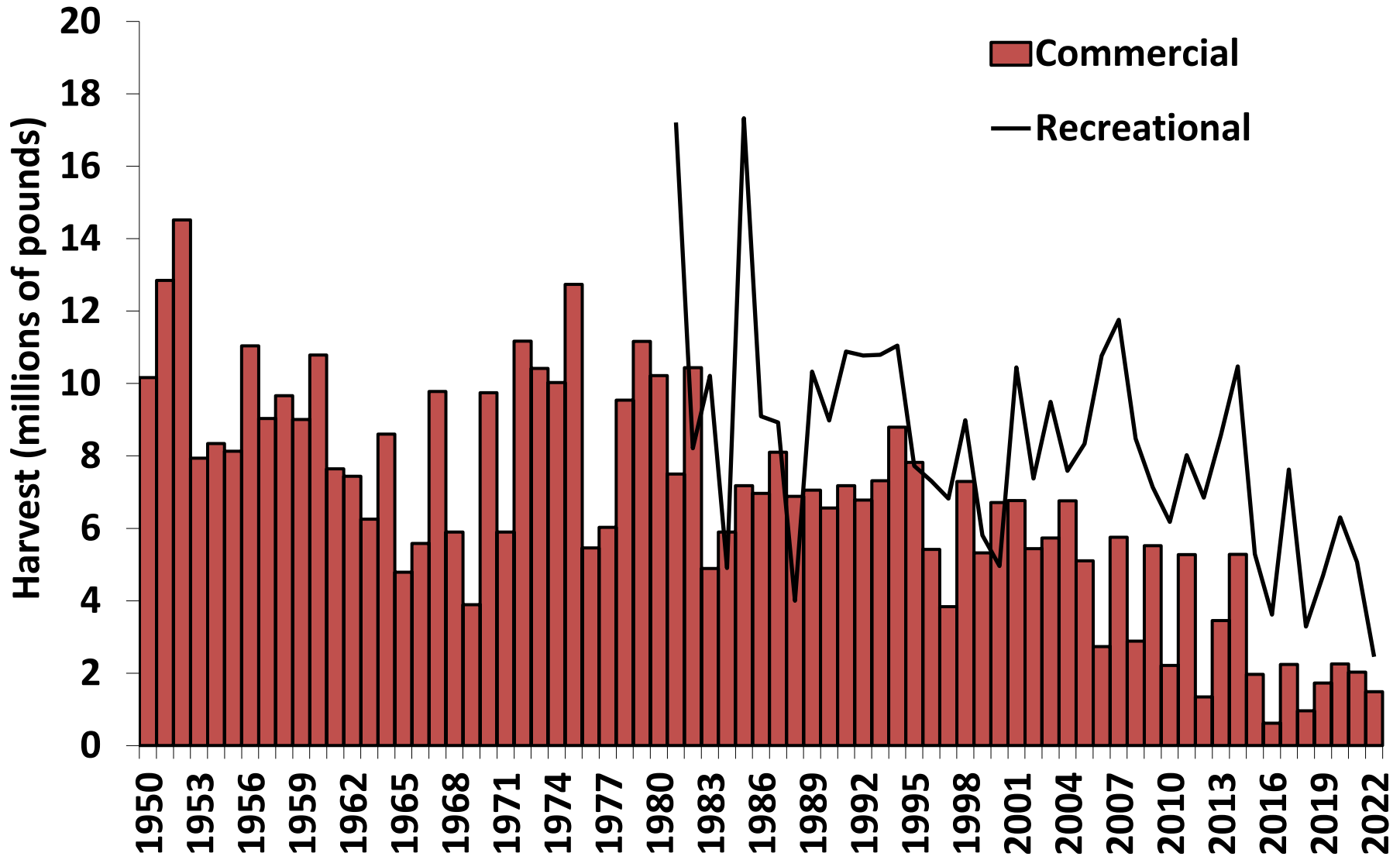
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Overview

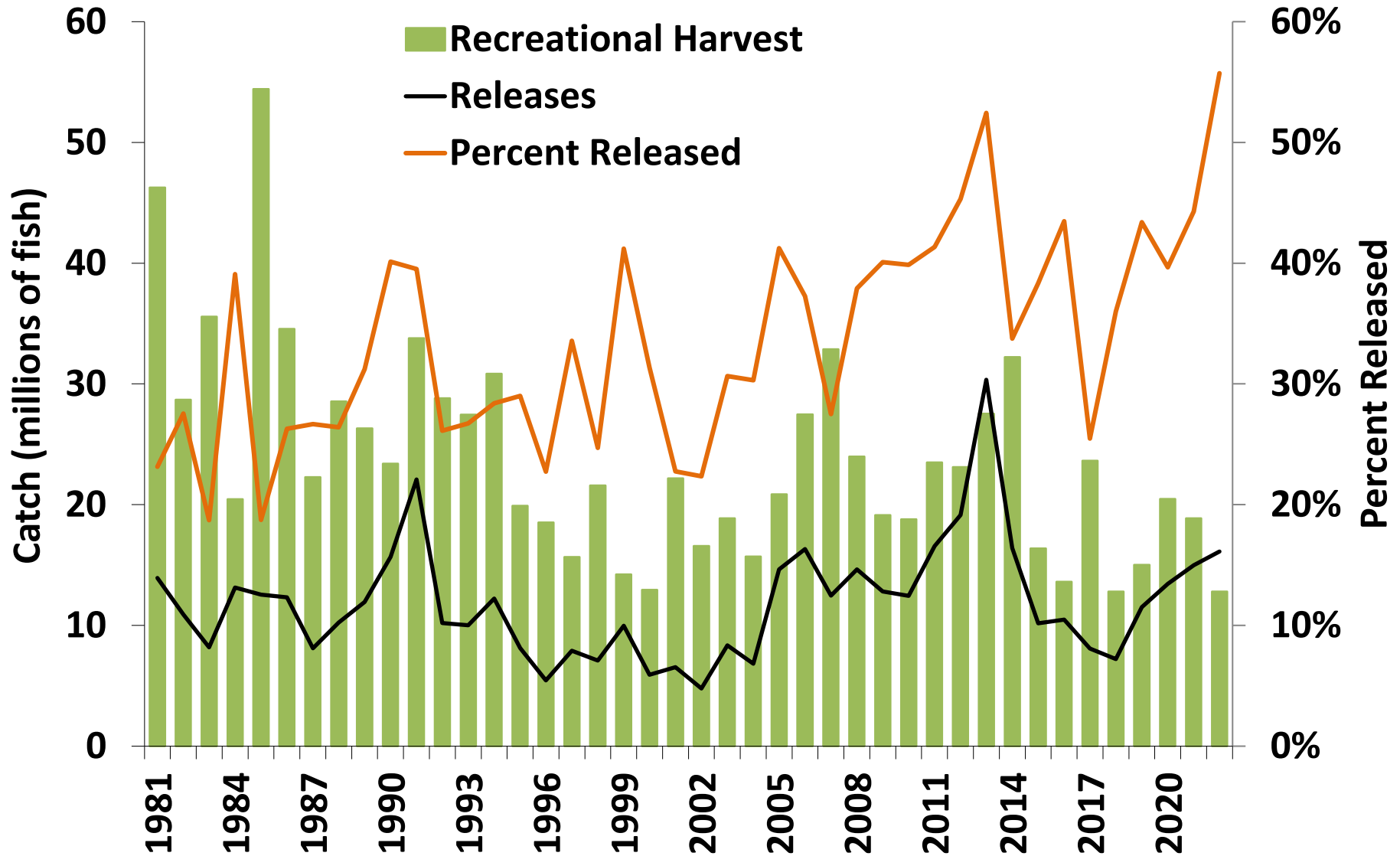


- Status of the Fishery
- *De minimis* Requests
- PRT Recommendations

Status of the Fishery – Total Landings



Status of the Fishery – Recreational



De Minimis Requests



New Jersey:

- Requesting *de minimis* for spot (commercial and recreational)
 - Meets the requirement of less than 1%

Georgia:

- Requesting *de minimis* for spot (commercial and recreational)
 - Meets the requirement of less than 1%

Delaware:

- Requesting *de minimis* for spot (commercial and recreational)
 - Does not meet the requirement of less than 1%, at 1.05%

PRT Recommendations



- Found no inconsistencies from the FMP
- The PRT recommends approving *de minimis* requests from New Jersey and Georgia
- The PRT recommends reviewing the criteria for *de minimis* status
 - Split commercial and recreational *de minimis*
- Additional research/monitoring recommendations found in FMP Review document

PRT Recommendations



- The PRT does not recommend *de minimis* status for Delaware
 - Over the 1% threshold for 3 years in a row
 - DE recreational spot harvest in 2023 is 11 times higher than 2022

De Minimis Requests



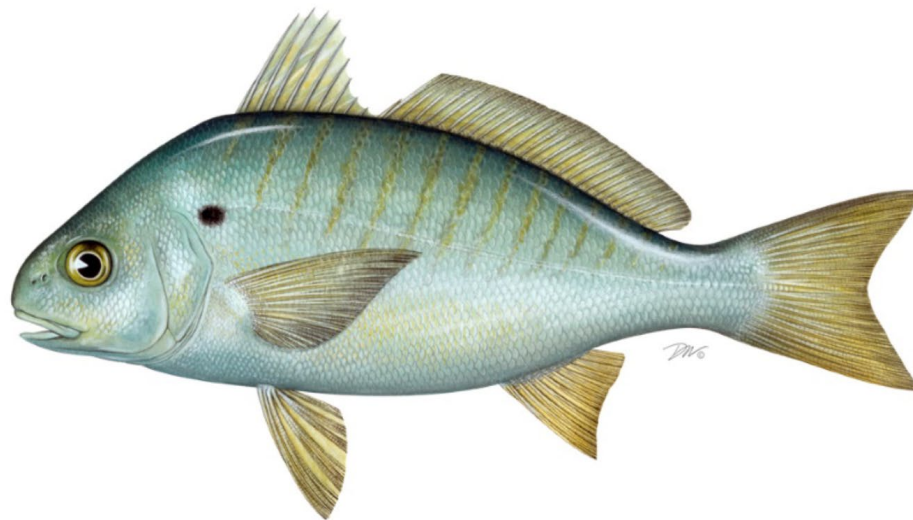
- Non-*de minimis* states are required to implement:
 - a 50-fish recreational bag limit
 - commercial regulations that would have reduced the average 10 year commercial harvest by 1%

Action for Board Today:

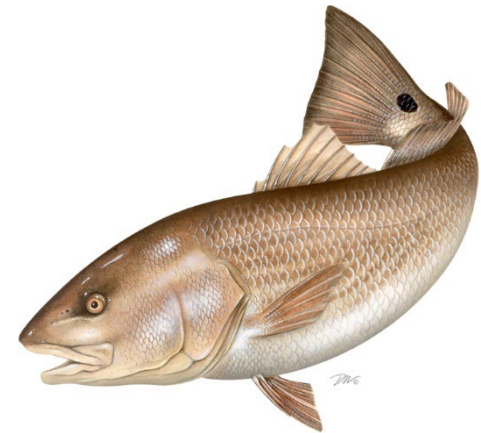
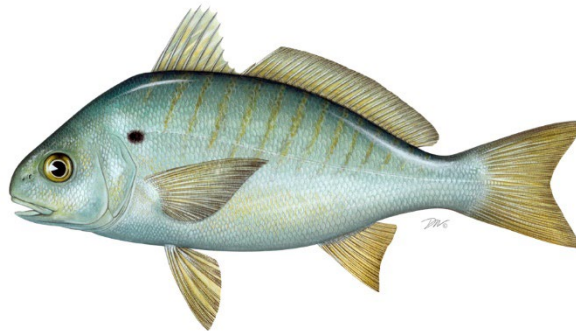
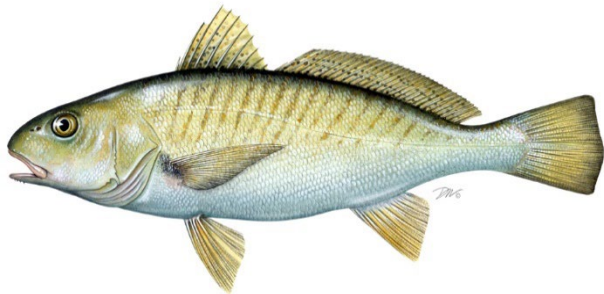


- Motion on approval/disapproval of FMP reviews, state compliance reports, and *de minimis* requests for spot.

Questions?



Red Drum, Atlantic Croaker, and Spot Benchmark Stock Assessment Updates



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Red Drum Assessment



- Data Workshop: June 7-8 & 14, 2023 (virtual)
- Assessment Workshop 1: Nov. 6-9, 2023 (Charleston, SC)
 - Data request for additional 8 months of data (Jan.-Aug. 2023)
- Assessment Workshop 2: Mar. 11-14, 2024 (Charleston, SC)
 - Analyses being considered: Stock Synthesis models, Traffic Light Analyses, Index-Based Methods
 - SAS meeting to finalize stock status determinations and research recommendations May 16, 2024
 - Potential for advice from different analyses by stock

Red Drum Assessment



- Assessment report finalized by SAS: June 3, 2024
- Assessment reviewed by TC: Late June 2024
- Assessment report provided to SEDAR for peer review panel: July 1, 2024
- SEDAR Peer Review Workshop: Week of August 12, 2024 (Charleston, SC)
- Present Assessment and Peer Review Reports to the Sciaenids Board: Annual Meeting 2024

Atlantic Croaker and Spot Assessments



- Data Workshop: May 15-18, 2023 (virtual)
- Methods Workshop: Sept. 11-14, 2023 (virtual)
- Atlantic croaker lead analyst changed positions
 - Spot lead analyst transitioned to vacant role
 - Decouple assessments and complete Atlantic croaker first followed by spot

Atlantic Croaker and Spot Assessments



- Biweekly modeler calls to develop Atlantic croaker Stock Synthesis model
- Assessment Workshop: TBD
- Peer Review Workshop: *July/August 2024*
- Present Atlantic croaker Assessment and Peer Review Reports to the Sciaenids Board: *Annual Meeting 2024*
- Commence spot assessment following croaker assessment: *≈one year until completion*

Questions?

