



Review of MRIP Wave 4 Harvest Estimates for Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass

Presented to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and
Black Sea Bass Management Board
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Summer Flounder Recreational Harvest in numbers of fish



Year	Harvest through wave 4	Recreational Harvest Limit (RHL)	Percent of RHL
2013	2,188,967	2,501,639	87.50%
2014	2,173,374	2,421,720	89.75%
Percent Change	-0.7	-3.2	2.6

Summer Flounder Recreational Harvest in pounds



Year	Harvest through wave 4	RHL (millions of lbs)	Percent of RHL
2013	6,385,063	7.63	83.68%
2014	6,654,758	7.01	94.93%
Percent Change	4.2	-8.1	13.4

Summer Flounder Regional Performance



Regions	MASSACHUSETTS	RHODE ISLAND	CONNECTICUT-NEW JERSEY	DELAWARE-VIRGINIA	NORTH CAROLINA
Preliminary regional total (W 1-4)	113,993	181,368	1,634,525	219,273	24,215
Projected regional Total	32,936	126,724	1,793,823	312,110	45,936
Harvest as percent of projected total	346.1	143.1	91.1	70.3	52.7

Summer Flounder 2014 Recreational Regional Management Measures



State	Minimum Size (inches)	Possession Limit	Open Season
Massachusetts	16	5 fish	May 22-September 30
Rhode Island	18	8 fish	May 1-December 31
Connecticut	18	5 fish	May 17- September 21
CT Shore Program (45 designed shore sites)	16		
New York	18	5 fish	May 17- September 21
New Jersey	18	5 fish	May 23- September 27
NJ pilot shore program 1 site	16	2 fish	May 23-September 27
Delaware to Virginia	16	4 fish	January 1- December 31
North Carolina	15	6 fish	January 1- December 31



Scup Recreational Harvest in numbers of fish

Year	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	DE	VA	NC	Grand Total
2013	1,729,650	515,844	347,976	679,229	318*	0	1,243	375*	3,274,635
2014	1,126,207	682,149	244,579	800,055	0	145*	0	419*	2,853,554
Percent Change	-34.9	32.2	-29.7	17.8	-100.0	-	-100.0	11.7	-12.9

in pounds

Year	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	DE	VA	NC	Grand Total
2013	1,795,250	536,742	427,179	743,966	488*	0	2,465	308*	3,506,398
2014	1,355,345	755,193	260,566	841,565	0	118*	0	366*	3,213,153
Percent Change	-24.5	40.7	-39.0	13.1	-100.0	-	-100.0	18.8	-8.4

State	Minimum Size (inches)	Possession Limit	Fishing Season
Massachusetts	10	30 fish	May 1-Dec. 31
MA (For-hire Only)	10	45 fish	May 1-June 30
		30 fish	July 1-Dec. 31
Rhode Island (Private & 4 Designated Shore Sites)	10	30 fish	May 1-Dec. 31
RI (Party/Charter)	10	30 fish	May 1-Aug. 31; Nov. 1-Dec. 31
		45 fish	September 1-October 31
Connecticut	10.5	20 fish	May 1-December 31
CT Shore Program (45 designed shore sites)	9		
CT DEEP Registered Party/Charter	10.5	20 fish	May 1-Aug. 31; Nov. 1-Dec. 31
	11	45 fish	September 1-October 31
New York	10	30 fish	May 1-Dec. 31
NY (Licensed Party/Charter Boats)	10	30 fish	May 1-Aug. 31; Nov. 1-Dec. 31
		45 fish	Sept. 1- Oct. 31
New Jersey	9	50 fish	Jan. 1-Feb. 28; July 1-Dec. 31
Delaware to North Carolina (N of 35° 15'N)	8	50 fish	Jan. 1-Dec. 31

Black Sea Bass Recreational Harvest in numbers of fish



Year	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	DE	MD	VA	NC	Coastwide Harvest
2013	177,312	45,285	96,490	247,725	228,257	22,277	8,197	12,310	9,039	846,892
2014	331,082	108,329	163,030	267,387	311,394	11,721	349	4,339	607	1,198,238
% Change	86.7	139.2	69.0	7.9	36.4	-47.4	-95.7	-64.8	-93.3	41.5

in pounds

Year	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	DE	MD	VA	NC	Coastwide Harvest
2013	411,201	96,147	232,709	535,503	332,348	26,710	10,834	19,544	17,443	1,682,439
2014	866,409	210,449	244,222	529,908	435,008	16,070	466	5,759	455	2,308,746
% Change	110.7	118.9	4.9	-1.0	30.9	-39.8	-95.7	-70.5	-97.4	37.2



Black Sea Bass Regional Performance

Year	Northern Region (MA-NJ)	Southern Region (DE-NC)	Coastwide Harvest
2013	795,069	51,823	846,892
2014	1,181,222	17,016	1,198,238
Percent Change	48.6	-67.2	41.5

Black Sea Bass 2014 Recreational Management Measures



State	Minimum Size (inches)	Possession Limit	Open Season
New Hampshire	13	10 fish	January 1-December 31
Massachusetts	14	8 fish	May 17-September 15
MA For-Hire vessels with DMF LOA	14	8 fish	May 17-May 31
		20 fish	September 1-September 30
Rhode Island	13	3 fish	June 29- August 31
		7 fish	September 1-December 31
Connecticut (Private & Shore)	13	3 fish	June 21-August 31
		8 fish	September 1-December 31
CT Authorized Party /Charter Monitoring Program Vessels	13	8 fish	June 21-December 31
New York	13	8 fish	July 15-December 31
New Jersey	12.5	3 fish	July 1-August 31
		15 fish	May 19-Jun. 30; Sept. 1- 6; Oct. 18-Dec. 31
Delaware to North Carolina (N of 35° 15'N)	12.5	15 fish	May 19-Sept. 21; Oct. 18-Dec. 31



Questions?



Management Approaches for the 2015 Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Recreational Fisheries

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Background



- In October 2013, the Board initiated draft addendum XXV for the development of alternative management approaches for the Summer Flounder Recreational Fishery in 2014
- The Board also initiated an addendum to develop ad hoc regional management options for the Black Sea Bass Recreational Fishery

Background (cont'd)



- The addenda were combined and draft Addendum XXV was approved for public comment in December 2013
- The Addendum XXV was then approved in February 2014, with management measures voted on in March 2014

2015 Season



- A new addendum is needed if the Board wishes to continue regional management in the Summer Flounder Recreational Fishery into 2015
- An addendum is needed for the Black Sea Bass Recreational Fishery if the Board wishes to implement different management approaches in 2015 relative 2014

Next Steps



The Board needs to determine whether to initiate an addenda for both the Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Recreational Fisheries in 2015.



Questions?



Review of Updated Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panels

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Background



- In 2007, the Board worked to coordinate AP membership with the MAFMC membership
- Since then, coordination hasn't been maintained, with participation among ASMFC AP members dwindling

Background (cont'd)



- At the August 2014 Board meeting the Board agreed to consolidate the AP into one group
 - Staff requested new nominations by October 17, 2014
- New nominations have been received from some states, reconfirmation of current members by other states

New Nominations



- **Rhode Island**
 - Mike Plaia
 - Frank Blount
 - Michael Hall
 - Aaron Gewirtz
 - Travis Barao

- **Connecticut**
 - Kyle Douton

New Nominations (cont'd.)



- **Delaware**

- P. West Townsend
- Clark Evans
- Michael Hynson

- **Maryland**

- John Martin
- Allen “Buddy” Seigel

New Nominations (cont'd.)



- **Virginia**

- Steve Wray
- Meade Amory
- Dr. Ken Neill

- **North Carolina**

- Michael “Jimbo” Ireland
- Art Smith



Next Steps

- New nominations are presented for the Board's consideration and approval to the ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panel
- The MAFMC is currently soliciting nominations to the AP as well, and will consider final action in May 2015.
 - Staff will work with MAFMC Staff to ensure an efficient AP process moving forward



Questions?