From: <u>hipster-dufus</u>
To: <u>Comments</u>

Subject: [External] Striped Bass

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024 5:42:35 PM

In order to restore the Striped Bass population or any fish for that matter, I'm in favor of a Catch & Release policy. Thanks, Bill Carr

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From: Mark Drummond
To: Comments

Subject: [External] Moratorium

Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 4:52:45 PM

Please impose a moratorium on striped bass. Is the ASMFC really going to let the striped bass stock crash AGAIN!!!? Shame on you!!

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From: Richard Pietromonaco

To: <u>Comments</u>

Subject: [External] Request for striped bass moratorium **Date:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 4:32:08 PM

Dear Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a dedicated striped bass angler, I am deeply concerned about the decline in striped bass populations along the Atlantic coast, especially in NY. This fish is crucial to both our ecosystem and fishing culture, and it is in serious trouble.

Recent data shows alarming trends, with the 2023 Maryland Young of the Year (YOY) index at only 2.3, and the Hudson River's YOY index at 0.96. Fishing mortality is also at 0.31, far higher than the target of 0.20, putting the population at risk of collapse.

Given the additional threats of climate change and habitat loss, I strongly urge the ASMFC to implement a 10-year moratorium on striped bass fishing to allow the species to recover.

Please include my comments in the materials for your next meeting, and take swift action to protect this vital population.

Need to give this slaughter a rest so the commercial and recreational fishermen have fish to catch long into the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Richard pietromonaco 646-263-2916

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