



# Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board Meeting



March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

# Presentation Overview



- Background
- Proposed regional measures
- Board Consideration:
  - Consider proposed measures for final approval

# Background



- December 2022 Joint Board/Council
  - Scup and Black Sea Bass -> 10% reduction in expected harvest
  - Adopted conservation equivalency for 2023 black sea bass recreational management
  - Reduced the scup federal possession limit to 40 fish and shortened the season to May 1-Dec 31

# Background



- Model used: Recreational Demand Model
- Reductions provided are for individual states/regions
  - The final total coastwide reduction for scup will be calculated once all states finalize measures
- Each option has specific black sea bass and scup measures associated with it and the resulting reductions
  - Black sea bass measures affect the scup reduction and vice versa



# **Proposed 2023 Recreational Measures for Scup and Black Sea Bass**



# Northern Region

# MA



Options	Black Sea Bass Measures				Percent Reduction in Black Sea Bass Harvest	Scup Measures				Percent Reduction in Scup Harvest
	Mode	Min Size Limit	Bag Limit	Dates of Open Season		Mode	Min Size Limit	Bag Limit	Dates of Open Season	
SQ	All	16"	4	5/21 – 9/4	-	Private/Shore	10"	30	1/1 - 12/31	-
						For-hire	10"	30	1/1 - 4/30, 7/1 - 12/31	
							50	5/1 - 6/30		
1	All	16.5"	4	5/20 - 9/7	-10.4	Private	10.5"	30	5/1 - 12/31	-7.6
						Shore	9.5"			
						For-hire	10.5"	40	5/1 - 6/30	
		30	7/1 - 12/31							
2	All	16"	3	5/20 - 9/2*	-10.3	Private	10.5"	30	5/1 - 12/31	-7.6
						Shore	9.5"			
						For-hire	10.5"	40	5/1 - 6/30	
		30	7/1 - 12/31							
3	All	16"	4	5/20 - 6/30	-10.3	Private	10.5"	30	5/1 - 12/31	-7.8
			2	7/1 - 9/11*		Shore	9.5"			
						For-hire	10.5"	40	5/1 - 6/30	
						30	7/1 - 12/31			
4	Private/Shore	16"	3	5/20 - 8/31*	-10.3	Private	10.5"	30	5/1 - 12/31	-7.6
	For-hire		4			Shore	9.5"			
						For-hire	10.5"	40	5/1 - 6/30	
						30	7/1 - 12/31			
5	Private/Shore	16"	2	5/20- 10/24*	-10.0	Private	10.5"	30	5/1 - 12/31	-7.5
	For-hire		4	5/20 - 9/4		Shore	9.5"			
						For-hire	10.5"	40	5/1 - 6/30	
						30	7/1 - 12/31			
6	Private/Shore	16"	3	5/20 - 6/30	-10.1	Private	10.5"	30	5/1 - 12/31	-7.5
			1	7/1-8/31		Shore	9.5"			
	For-hire		3	9/1-10/23*		For-hire	10.5"	40	5/1 - 6/30	
			4	5/20-9/4				30	7/1 - 12/31	

# RI



Options	Black Sea Bass Measures				Reduction in Black Sea Bass Harvest	Scup Measures				Reduction in Scup Harvest		
	Mode	Min Size Limit	Bag Limit	Dates of Open Season		Mode	Min Size Limit	Bag Limit	Dates of Open Season			
SQ	Private/shore	16"	2	5/22 - 8/31	-	Private/Shore Shore Program	10"	30	1/1 - 12/31	-		
			3	9/1 - 12/31			9"					
	For-hire		2	6/18 - 8/31		For-hire	10"	30	1/1 - 8/31, 11/1 - 12/31			
			6	9/1 - 12/31							50	9/1 - 10/31
1	Private/shore	16.5"	2	5/22 - 8/26	-10.3	Shore Private	9.5"	30	5/1 - 12/31	-3.1		
			3	8/27 - 12/31			10.5"					
	For-hire		16"	2		6/18 - 8/31	For-hire	10.5"	30		5/1 - 8/31, 11/1 - 12/31	
				6		9/1 - 12/31						40
2	Private/shore	16.5"	2	5/22 - 8/26	-10.6	Shore Private	9.5"	30	5/1 - 12/31	-3.0		
			3	8/27 - 12/31			10.5"					
	For-hire		16"	2		6/17 - 8/31	For-hire	10.5"	30		5/1 - 8/31, 11/1 - 12/31	
				6		9/1 - 12/31						40
3	Private/shore	16.5"	2	5/22 - 8/31	-11.7	Shore Private	9.5"	30	5/1 - 12/31	-3.0		
			3	9/1 - 12/31			10.5"					
	For-hire		16"	2		6/18 - 8/31	For-hire	10.5"	30		5/1 - 8/31, 11/1 - 12/31	
				6		9/1 - 12/31						40
4	Private/shore	16.5"	2	5/22 - 8/31	-11.0	Private/shore	10.5"	30	1/1 - 12/31	-14.0		
			3	9/1 - 12/31								
	For-hire		16"	2		6/18 - 8/31		For-hire	10.5"		30	1/1 - 8/31, 11/1 - 12/31
				6		9/1 - 12/31						



# CT



Options	Black Sea Bass Measures				Reduction in Black Sea Bass Harvest	Scup Measures				Reduction in Scup Harvest		
	Mode	Min Size Limit	Bag Limit	Dates of Open Season		Mode	Min Size Limit	Bag Limit	Dates of Open Season			
SQ	Private/shore	16"	5	5/19 - 12/1	-	Private/shore	10"	30	1/1 - 12/31	-		
	For-hire		5	5/19 - 8/31		Shore Program	9"					
			7	9/1 - 12/31		For-hire	10"	30	1/1 - 8/31, 11/1 - 12/31			
									50		9/1 - 10/31	
1	Private/shore	16.5"	5	5/19 - 12/1	-11.9	Shore	9.5"	30	5/1 - 12/31	-1.6		
	For-hire		5	5/19 - 8/31		10.5"	30				5/1 - 8/31, 11/1 - 12/31	
			7	9/1 - 12/31				For-hire	10.5"		40	9/1 - 10/31
2	Private/shore	16"	2	5/19 - 12/1	-14.5	Shore	9.5"	30	5/1 - 12/31	-5.1		
	For-hire		5	5/19 - 8/31		10.5"	30				5/1 - 8/31, 11/1 - 12/31	
			7	9/1 - 12/31				For-hire	10.5"		40	9/1 - 10/31
3	Private/shore	16"	5	5/19 - 6/23, 7/8 - 12/1	-10.1	Shore	9.5"	30	5/1 - 12/31	-5.0		
	For-hire		5	5/19 - 8/31		10.5"	30				5/1 - 8/31, 11/1 - 12/31	
			7	9/1 - 12/31				For-hire	10.5"		40	9/1 - 10/31
4	Private/shore	16"	5	5/19 - 9/30	-10.1	Shore	9.5"	30	5/1 - 12/31	-5.3		
	For-hire		2	10/1 - 10/23		10.5"	30				5/1 - 8/31, 11/1 - 12/31	
			5	5/19 - 8/31				For-hire	10.5"		40	9/1 - 10/31
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# NY



Options	Black Sea Bass Measures				Reduction in Black Sea Bass Harvest	Scup Measures				Reduction in Scup Harvest
	Mode	Min Size Limit	Bag Limit	Dates of Open Season		Mode	Min Size Limit	Bag Limit	Dates of Open Season	
SQ	All	16"	3	6/23 - 8/31	-	Shore/Private	10"	30	1/1 - 12/31	-
			6	9/1 - 12/31		For-hire	10"	30	1/1 - 8/31, 11/1 - 12/31	
1	All	16.5"	3	6/23 - 8/31	-11.7	Shore/Private	9.5"	30	5/1 - 12/31	-15.0
			6	9/1 - 12/31		For-hire	10.5"		30	
								40	9/1 - 10/31	
2	All	16"	3	7/1 - 8/31	-10.8	Shore/Private	9.5"	30	5/1 - 12/31	-14.9
			6	9/1 - 12/31		For-hire	10.5"		30	
								40	9/1 - 10/31	
3	All	16"	2	6/28 - 8/31	-10.8	Shore/Private	9.5"	30	5/1 - 12/31	-14.9
			6	9/1 - 12/31		For-hire	10.5"		30	
								40	9/1 - 10/31	

# MA-NY



- Preliminary regional reduction calculated from sets of measures selected by the states

State	Percent Reduction in Black Sea Bass Harvest	Percent Reduction in Scup Harvest
MA	-10.4	-7.6
RI	-10.6	-3.0
CT	-10.1	-5.0
NY	-11.7	-15.0
<b>Total Northern Region Reduction</b>	<b>-10.7</b>	<b>-9.6</b>

# NJ



Options	Black Sea Bass Measures				Percent Reduction in Black Sea Bass Harvest	Scup Measures				Percent Reduction in Scup Harvest
	Mode	Min Size Limit	Bag Limit	Dates of Open Season		Mode	Min Size Limit	Bag Limit	Dates of Open Season	
SQ	All	13"	10	5/17 - 6/19	-	All	10"	50	1/1 - 12/31	-
			2	7/1 - 8/31						
			10	10/7 - 10/26						
			15	11/1 - 12-31						
1	All	12.5"	10	5/17 - 6/19	-10.6	All	10"	30	8/1 - 12/31	-10.3
			1	7/1 - 8/31						
			10	10/1 - 10/31						
			15	11/1 - 12/31						
2	All	12.5"	10	5/17 - 6/19	-10.6	All	10"	30	1/1 - 10/15	-12.6
			1	7/1 - 8/31						
			10	10/1 - 10/31						
			15	11/1 - 12/31						
3	All	12.5"	10	5/17 - 6/19	-10.3	All	10"	30	8/1 - 12/31	-12.6
			2	7/1 - 8/7						
			10	10/1 - 10/31						
			15	11/1 - 12/31						
4	All	12.5"	10	5/17 - 6/19	-10.9	All	10"	30	8/1 - 12/31	-10.1
			2	7/20 - 8/31						
			10	10/1 - 10/31						
			15	11/1 - 12/31						

# DE-NC



Options	Black Sea Bass Measures				Percent Reduction in Black Sea Bass Harvest	Scup Measures				Percent Reduction in Scup Harvest
	Mode	Min Size Limit	Bag Limit	Dates of Open Season		Mode	Min Size Limit	Bag Limit	Dates of Open Season	
SQ	All	13"	15	5/15 - 12/11	-	All	9"	50 (30 in VA)	1/1 - 12/31	-
1	All	13"	15	5/15 - 7/15, 7/27 - 12/31	-10.8	All	9"	40 (30 in VA)	1/1 - 12/31	1.0
2	All	13"	15	5/15 - 9/31, 10/10 - 12/31	-11.5	All	9"	40 (30 in VA)	1/1 - 12/31	0.5

# Next steps



- Consider Proposed Measures for Final Approval
- States/regions to notify ASMFC staff of final measures selected
- ASMFC staff submit final state recreational scup and black sea bass measures to GARFO

# Next steps



- The Board may:
  - Option 1: Approve the range of state/regional options for 2023 scup and black sea bass recreational measures developed using the RDM as presented today
  - Option 2: Approve the use of the RDM to establish 2023 scup and black sea bass recreational measures to achieve a 10% reduction

# Questions?

