



Maryland and PRFC Addendum IV Conservation Equivalent Management Proposal for 2016

Overview



- Conservation Equivalency process
- Review of the MD's and PRFC's proposals
- TC and LEC comments on CE proposals

Addendum IV Conservation Equivalency



- “Amendment 6 allows for states to submit alternative regulations that are **conservationally-equivalent** to regulations approved in [Addendum IV] for Board review and approval.”
- “Any jurisdiction submitting a proposal for conservation equivalency **must demonstrate through quantitative analysis** that its proposal achieves the required reduction in harvest.”
 - 25% for coastal fisheries, 20.5% for Chesapeake Bay fisheries
 - Proposals are subject to TC and LEC review for Board consideration
 - TC Criteria for Addendum IV CE proposals (M14-110)

Maryland Proposal #1



Fishery	Size Limit	Bag Limit	Other	Open Season
Coastal	28" min	1	Current	Jan 1 – Dec 31
Coastal	33" min	2	Previously Approved	Jan 1 – Dec 31
Trophy	28-36" or ≥ 40 "	1	Current	April 16 – May 15
Trophy	36" min	1	Previously Approved	April 16 – May 15
Trophy	36" min, charter boats allowed 1 fish 28-36"	1	Previously Approved	April 16 – May 15
Ches Bay Summer/Fall	20" min, only one can be over 28"	2	Current	May 16 – Dec 20 (with 5 day extension)
Ches Bay Summer/Fall	18" min	1	Previously Approved	May 16 – Dec 15 (without 5 day extension)

Maryland Proposal



- Coastal fishery (Jan 1– Dec 31):
 - **2 fish at 28-38” slot or \geq 44”**
- Adopted from Delaware’s regulations
- Not yet approved for use in Maryland

PRFC Proposal



- Same as Maryland's proposal for the Chesapeake Bay fisheries
 - summer/fall and trophy
- Requested TC approval to match whatever regulations MD implements for those fisheries

TC Comments



- All but one option had been previously reviewed and approved by the TC
- TC is comfortable with MD's justification for adopting DE's regulations for their coastal fishery
- The TC approved both MD's proposal and PRFC's request with consensus

LEC Comments



- Supports these CE proposals that would provide consistent regulations among jurisdictional areas of MD, DE, and PRFC
– ASMFC Enforceability Guidelines, 2015
- LEC recommends that states review and clarify fish measurement procedures for consistency

MD Proposal #2: Additional Options



Maryland

Fishery	Bag Limit	Size Limit	Open Season	Other
Chesapeake Bay Trophy	1	35" min	4/16 - 5/15	New Option
Chesapeake Bay Summer/Fall	2 fish at 20" min (only one can be over 28") OR 1 fish at 18" minimum size		5/16 - 12/20	Previously approved as individual options

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Coastal	28-38" slot or ≥ 44"	2	NEW	1/1 – 12/31
Trophy	28-36" or ≥40"	1	Current	April 16 – May 15
Trophy	36" min	1	Previously Approved	April 16 – May 15
Spring Trophy	35" min	1	NEW	4/16 – 5/15
Trophy	36" min, charter boats allowed 1 fish 28-36"	1	Previously Approved	April 16 – May 15
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