



Working towards healthy, self-sustaining populations
for all Atlantic coast fish species or successful
restoration well in progress by 2015

Draft Black Drum Interstate Fishery Management Plan



South Atlantic State-Federal Fishery Management Board
October 23, 2012



Projected Timeline

Season/Year	Interstate FMP
Spring 2012	Prepare PID for Review
Spring/Summer 2012	PID Public Hearings
Fall 2012	Draft FMP Development
Spring/Summer 2013	Public Hearings
Fall 2013	Review/Final Approval





Statement of the Problem

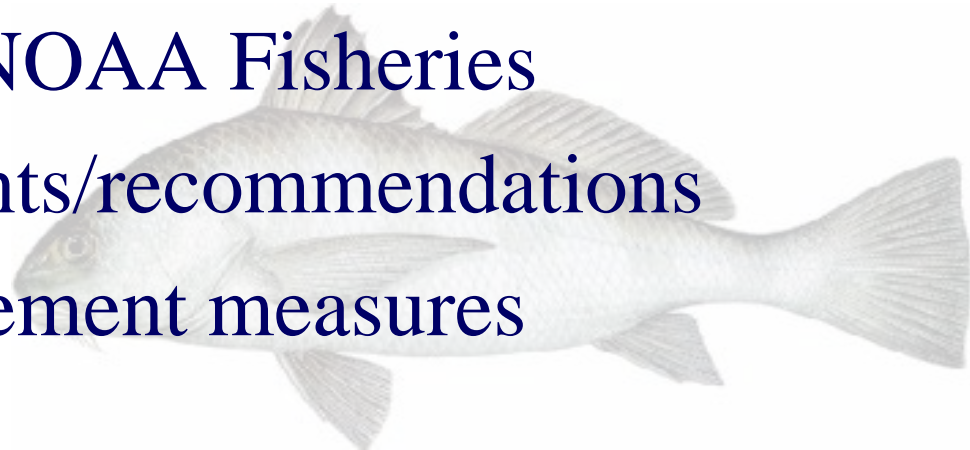
- An interstate species
- Lack of consistent coastwide regulations or goals
- Targeted fishery may be juveniles
- Framework to address future challenges





Components

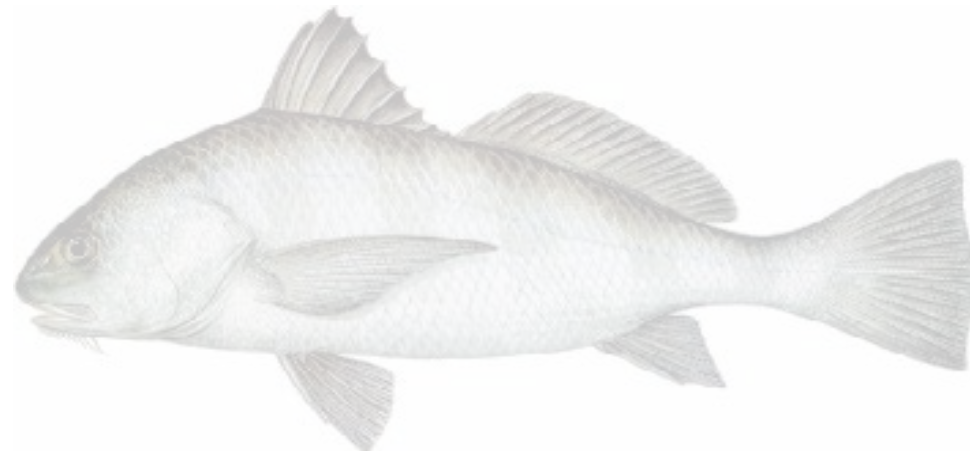
- Background
- Goal/Objectives
- Recreational Management Measures
- Commercial Management Measures
- *De minimis* levels and exemptions
- Recommendations to NOAA Fisheries
- Monitoring requirements/recommendations
- Recommended management measures





Background

- Summary of biological, social and economic data available for black drum
- Life history, fishery descriptions, habitat
- Working Group efforts



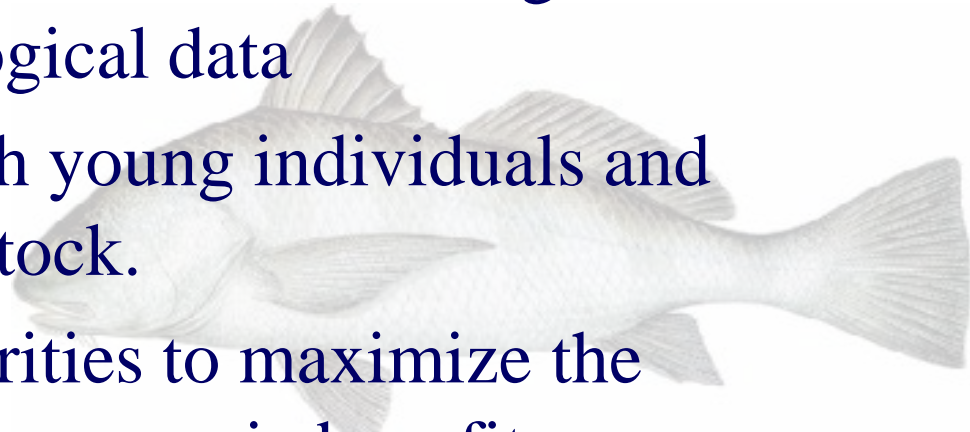


Goal/Objectives

Provide an efficient management structure to implement coastwide management goals in a timely manner

Objectives:

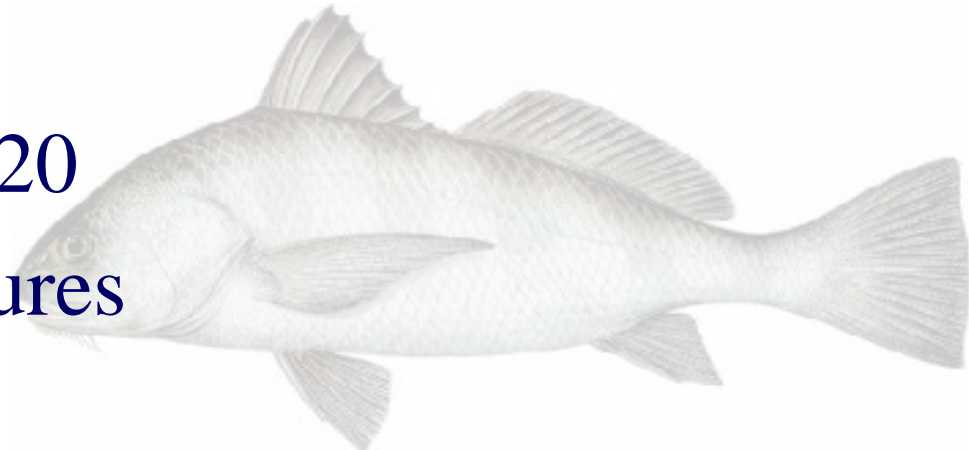
- 1) Flexible management system
- 2) Promote cooperative collection of biological, economic, and sociological data
- 3) Manage to protect both young individuals and established breeding stock.
- 4) Develop research priorities to maximize the biological, social, and economic benefits





Recreational Measures

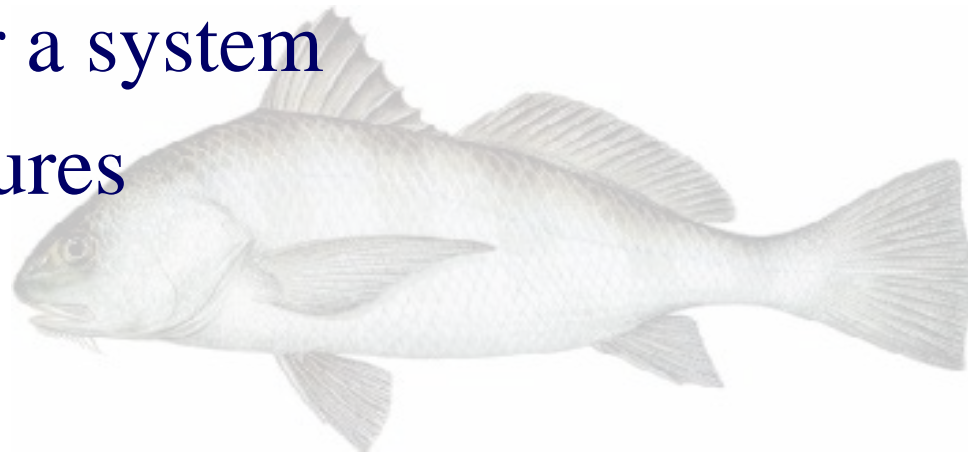
- Status quo, Current state measures, Public Comment
- Minimum size: None to 32”
- Slot Limit: None, 10-30” Min.; 24-48” Max.
- Trophy Allowance: None or one
- Bag Limit: None to 15
- Vessel Limit: None to 20
- Maintain current measures





Commercial Measures

- Status quo, Current state measures, Public Comment
- Minimum size: None to 32”
- Slot Limit: None, 10-30” Min.; 24-48” Max.
- Trip Limit: None to 10K lbs; bycatch %
- Limited entry: None or a system
- Maintain current measures





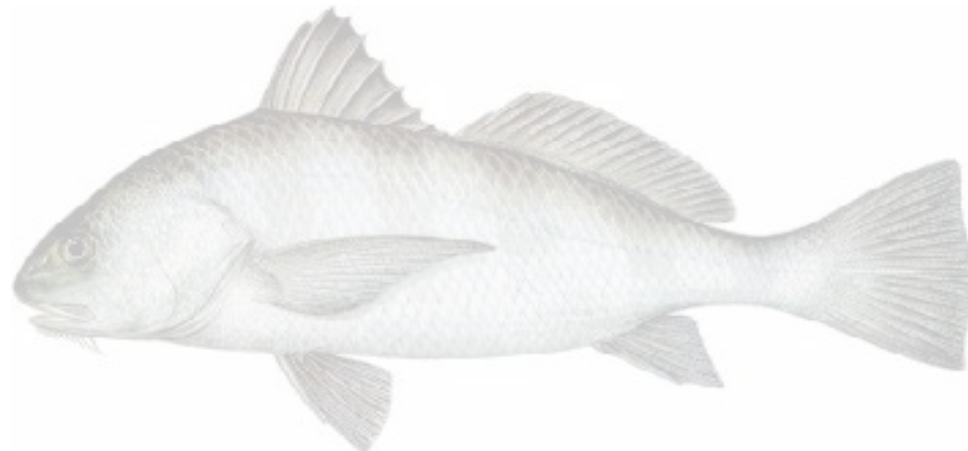
De minimis

<i>De minimis</i>	Comm.	Rec.	Combined
1%	MD, SC, GA	DE, MD, GA	MD, GA
2%	MD, SC, GA, NJ	DE, MD, GA	MD, GA
3%	MD, SC, GA, NJ	DE, MD, GA, SC	MD, GA, DE, SC



Additional aspects

- Recommendations to the Secretary
- Monitoring requirements/recommendations
- Recommended Measures
- Research
- Protected Species

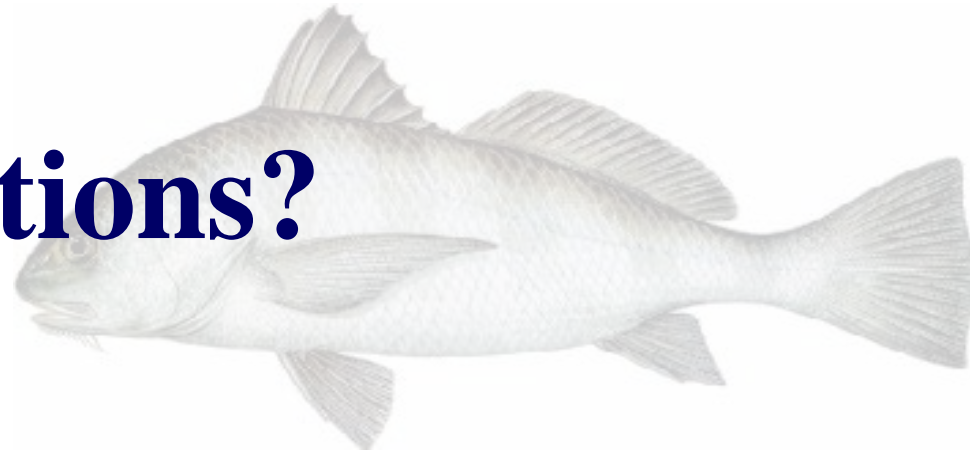




Possible Board Action

- Direction to PDT
 - Additional options, information, figures, etc.
- Approve for public comment

Questions?



State	Recreational		Commercial			Notes
	Size	Bag	Size	Trip	Quota	
NJ	16" min	3/p/day	16" min	10K lbs	65K lbs	
Proposed	32" min	2/p/day	32" min	5K lbs	50K lbs	
DE	16" min	3/p/day	16" min	10K lbs	65K lbs	
MD	16" min	1/p/day 6/v (Bay)	16" min		1,500K Atlantic Coast	Ches Bay closed to commercial
VA	16" min	1/p/day	16" min	1/p/day *	120K lbs	*w/out Black Drum permit
NC	-	-	-	-	-	
SC	14" min 27" max	5/p/day	14" min 27" max	5/p/day		Commercial primarily bycatch
GA	10" min	15/p/day	10" min	15/p/day		
FL	14" min 24" max	5/p/day	14" min 24" max	500 lbs/day		One >24" recreational



Joint Dealer Amendment

- ❖ Intent is for more frequent electronic reporting to improve ACL tracking to avoid overages
- ❖ Approved for submission to the Secretary of Commerce in August (Gulf Council) and September (South Atlantic Council)
- ❖ Expected submission: Oct/Nov 2012
- ❖ Expected implementation: June/July 2013 (?)



Joint Dealer Amendment

- ❖ Creates one federal dealer permit that will be required to purchase:
 - Atlantic Dolphin-Wahoo
 - South Atlantic Golden Crab
 - South Atlantic Rock Shrimp
 - South Atlantic Snapper Grouper (including wreckfish)
 - Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish
 - ***Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Coastal Migratory Pelagics***
 - *Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Spiny Lobster*
 - *Gulf of Mexico Red Drum*
 - ❖ Requires electronic weekly reporting, and a “no purchase” form each week if the dealer did not purchase any of the above species.
- Currently no federal dealer permit



Spanish Mackerel in State Waters

In September the SAFMC passed a motion to ask that the ASMFC consider a requirement for state dealers to have a federal dealer permit to purchase Spanish mackerel from state waters.

This would affect dealers with only state permits who buy Spanish mackerel from fishermen who do not hold a federal SM commercial permit and who harvest SM in state waters.



Spanish Mackerel in State Waters

-The SAFMC specified that the new federal dealer permit requirement also meant that any federally permitted vessel must sell to a dealer with the new federal permit →

any vessel with a federal Spanish mackerel commercial permit will be required to sell to dealers with the new federal permit, even if the fish were harvested in state waters.

Any dealer who purchases CMP species caught in federal waters will be required to hold a federal dealer permit.



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