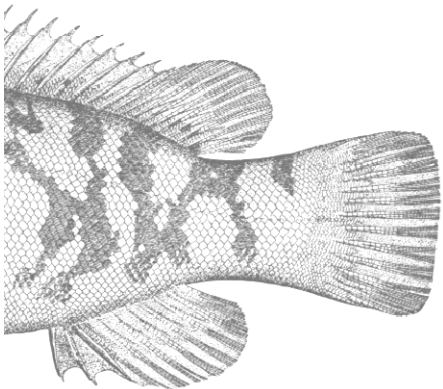




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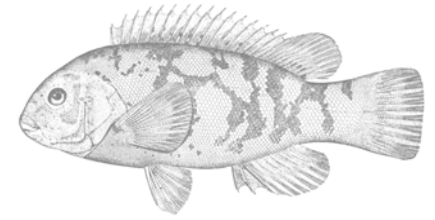
# **State Implementation of Addendum VI**

*February 2012*

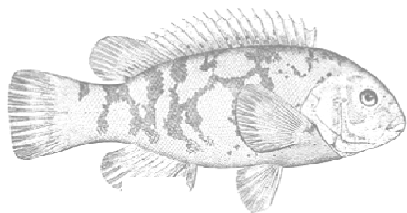




## Addendum VI



- **$F_{\text{target}} = 0.15$  to rebuild the stock; 53% harvest redux from 2008 & 2009 avg.**
- **Carried over language allowing for regional/state assessments at “same level of precision” as coastwide assessment.**
  - **Approved states required to give annual update as part of compliance report.**
- **January 1, 2012 Implementation**

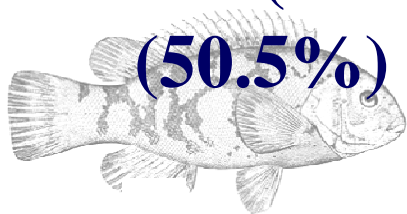




# Previous Board Meetings



- **Approved MA/RI VPA ( $F = 0.12$ )**
  - **“Precision” – MSR = 0.69 vs. 0.61 for coastwide**
  - **History of proactive management**
- **Approved reduction methodology for CT, NY, NJ, DE, MD, & VA**
  - **Based on calculations for specific methods.**
  - **Given TC caveats.**
- **Approved catch curve (CC) state assessments for NY (48.7%), NJ (unknown), MD (49%), & VA (50.5%)**





## December – January 2012



- **All states have submitted proposals**
  - **Last two proposals submitted January 31, 2012**
  - **Insufficient time for full PRT review**
  - **LEC will review in early 2012**
- **Preliminary review only**
- **All state proposals *sans* NJ comply with methods from TC reviewed proposals**
- **NJ commercial size increase reviewed by TC on December 19, 2011**
- **Regulations table in memo**

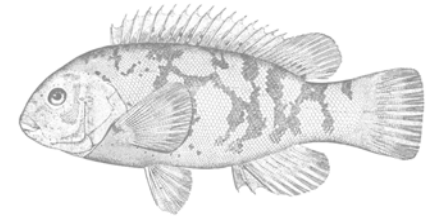




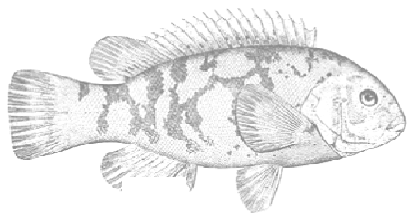
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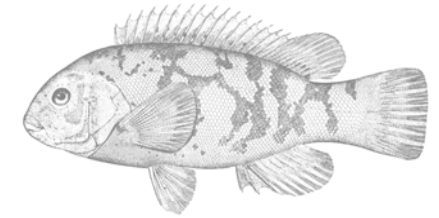


- **53% total reduction**
- **Effective January 23, 2012**
- **New closed season February 1 – April 30 in both fisheries**





# New York



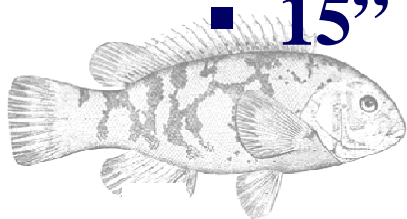
➤ **48.7% reduction**

➤ **Recreational**

- **Additional closures: Jan. 17 – Apr. 30, Oct. 1 – 7, & Dec. 4 – 20**
- **16” size limit (+2”)**

➤ **Commercial**

- **Additional closures: Jan. 1 – Feb 28 & Apr. 8 – Dec. 31**
- **15” size limit (+1”)**

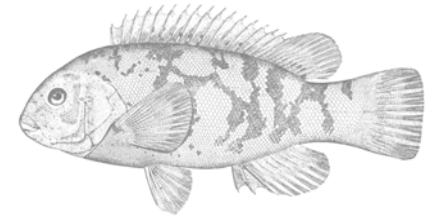




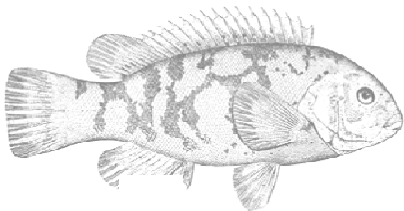
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# Delaware

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- **53% Reduction**
- **Effective February 11, 2012**
- **Consistent rec. and com.**
- **Reduced bag limit to 5 (-5, +2)**
- **16 day additional closure in Wave 4**
- **Increased size to 16" (+1,2")**

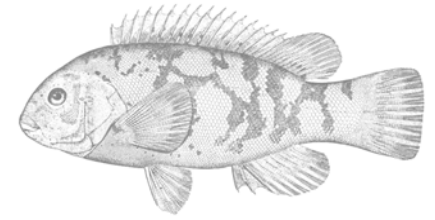




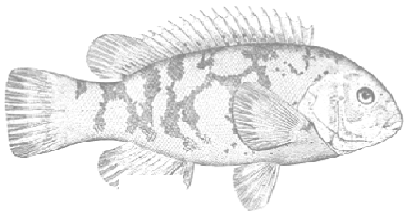
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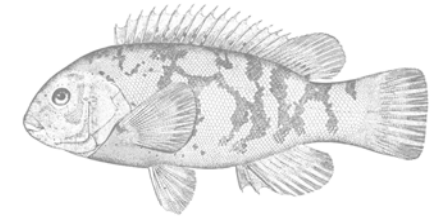
- **48.8% reduction (catch curve)**
- **Expected to be effective April 2, 2012**
- **Consistent rec. and com.**
- **16'' Size limit (+2'')**
- **Additional 16-day Wave 6 closure**



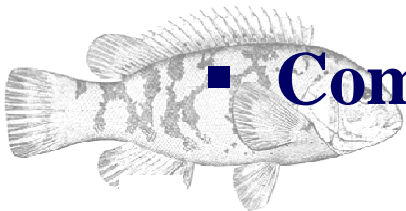




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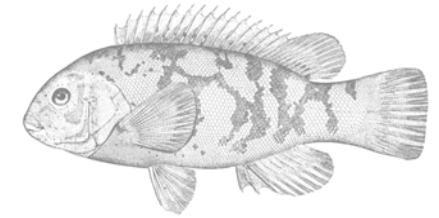


- **50.5% reduction (catch curve)**
- **Effective January 1, 2012**
- **Recreational regulations**
  - **Size increase to 16” (+2)**
  - **Possession limit 3 fish (-1)**
  - **Additional 106 day closure (Wave 2 – 4)**
- **Commercial regulations**
  - **Additional 57 day closure (Wave 1 & 5)**
  - **Commercial size increase to 15” (+1)**





# New Jersey



➤ **53% reduction**

➤ **Effective Jan. 25, 2012**

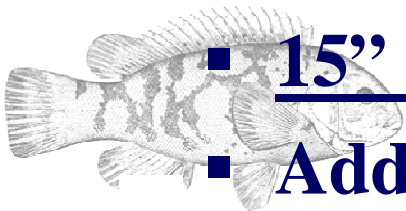
➤ **Recreational**

- **15" size limit**
- **Additional closures: Mar. 1 – 31, July 10 – 16, July 17 -26, Sept. 1 – Oct. 16.**
- **4 fish (-2) Nov 16. – Dec. 31**

➤ **Commercial**

▪ **15" size limit**

▪ **Additional closures: June 6 – 21 & Nov 1 –**





# **TC Review of NJ Commercial Size Increase**

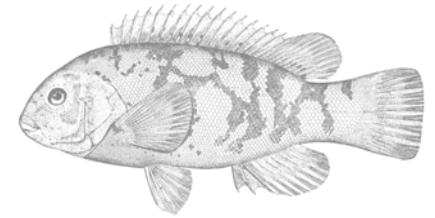


- **NJ Advisors requested commercial size increases after November Board meeting**
- **Commercial size increase not included in suite of options from approved NJ proposal**
- **NJ DEP requested TC review**
- **TC reviewed in December 2011, recommended approval**
- **Effective Jan. 25, 2012**





# NJ Com. Size Increase



- **Apply the recreational size limit data to the commercial fishery**
- **Uses the MAFMC SAS code**
- **TC is comfortable with the approach**
- **Similar to NY & CT**
- **Recommend maximum 44% reduction from size limits (9% buffer)**
  - **9% consistent w/ neighboring DE, TC did not want to pick arbitrary buffer**
- **Final reg. package 29% of total commercial reduction from size increase**
- **TC Recommends Board approve**

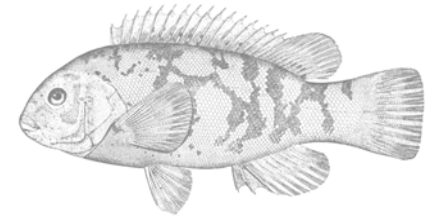




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# Board Action?

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- **Approve NJ commercial size limit harvest reduction proposal.**

