

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

TECHNICAL ADDENDUM #1

to

Addendum III to the Fishery Management Plan for Tautog



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Technical Addendum #1 for the Purpose of: Correction to Addendum III to the Fishery Management Plan for Tautog.

Background

Addendum III to the Fishery Management Plan for Tautog was approved by the Tautog Management Board on February 18, 2002. Addendum III seeks to address four issues: (1) the chosen plan target of $F = M$, (2) clarification of the fishing mortality targets in the FMP with respect to individual state management program flexibility, (3) monitoring requirements in the FMP, and (4) data requirements to analyze management options by fishing modes within commercial and recreational fisheries. Addendum III also includes updated information pertaining to tautog habitat and data collection requirements under the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics and Tagging Programs.

Purpose

The purpose of this Technical Addendum is to correct a misprint that was included in Addendum III to the Fishery Management Plan for Tautog. This inconsistency in the Addendum was not recognized at the time of approval. The following section details the error and replaces the misprint with the correct figure.

Correction

Page 14 of Addendum III to the Fishery Management Plan for Tautog reads as follows: “Based on the coastwide average fishing mortality rate of $F = 0.41$, a **48%** reduction in fishing mortality is needed to reach the target established in this Addendum.”

The sentence should read: “Based on the coastwide average fishing mortality rate of $F = 0.41$, a **29%** reduction in fishing mortality is needed to reach the target established in this Addendum.” The incorrect percentage stated in Addendum III is the result of a miscalculation.