

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Sciaenids Management Board

October 30, 2025

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Draft Agenda

The times listed are approximate; the order in which these items will be taken is subject to change; other items may be added as necessary.

1. Welcome/Call to Order (<i>D. Haymans</i>)	8:30 a.m.
2. Board Consent	8:30 a.m.
• Approval of Agenda	
• Approval of Proceedings from August 2025	
3. Public Comment	8:35 a.m.
4. Consider Red Drum Addendum II: Modifications to Red Drum Management for Final Approval Final Action	8:45 a.m.
• Review Options, Public Comment Summary, and Advisory Panel Report (<i>T. Bauer</i>)	
• Consider Final Approval of Addendum II	
5. Consider Approval of Black Drum and Spotted Seatrout Fishery Management Plan Reviews and State Compliance for the 2024 Fishing Year (<i>T. Bauer</i>) Action	9:45 a.m.
6. Progress Update on 2026 Atlantic Croaker Benchmark Stock Assessment (<i>C. Schlick</i>)	9:55 a.m.
7. Other Business/Adjourn	10:00 a.m.

The meeting will be held at Hyatt Place Dewey Beach (1301 Coastal Highway, Dewey Beach, Delaware; 302.864.9100) and via webinar; click [here](#) for details.

MEETING OVERVIEW

Sciaenids Management Board
October 30, 2025
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Chair: Doug Haymans (GA) Assumed Chairmanship: 02/24	Technical Committee Chairs: Black Drum: Harry Rickabaugh (MD) Atlantic Croaker: Margaret Finch (SC) Red Drum: Ethan Simpson (VA) Spot: Harry Rickabaugh (MD)	Law Enforcement Committee Representative: Col. Matthew Rogers (VA)
Vice Chair: Ben Dyar (SC)	Advisory Panel Chair: Craig Freeman (VA)	Previous Board Meeting: August 5, 2025
Voting Members: NJ, DE, MD, PRFC, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, NMFS (10 votes)		

2. Board Consent

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Proceedings from August 2025

3. Public Comment – At the beginning of the meeting public comment will be taken on items not on the agenda. Individuals that wish to speak at this time must sign-in at the beginning of the meeting. For agenda items that have already gone out for public hearing and/or have had a public comment period that has closed, the Board Chair may determine that additional public comment will not provide additional information. In this circumstance the Chair will not allow additional public comment on an issue. For agenda items that the public has not had a chance to provide input, the Board Chair may allow limited opportunity for comment. The Board Chair has the discretion to limit the number of speakers and/or the length of each comment.

4. Consider Red Drum Draft Addendum II: Modifications to Red Drum Management for Final Approval (8:45-9:45 a.m.) Final Action

Background

- In May 2025, the Board initiated Draft Addendum II to Amendment 2 of the Red Drum Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) to respond to the 2024 stock assessment results. In August 2025, the Board approved Draft Addendum II for public comment.
- Draft Addendum II considers: 1) establishing a process to allow states to propose changes to their regulations in response to new assessment advice; 2) establishing a pathway outside of the Commission’s assessment process which would allow states to propose new methods to estimate fishing mortality for the evaluation of future regulation changes; 3) levels of fishing mortality states would need to not exceed to end overfishing; 4) modifications to the recreational bag limits and slot limits for the northern region of red drum to address increasing fishing mortality; and 5) updating the *de minimis* provisions of the FMP (**Briefing Materials**).
- The public comment period for Draft Addendum II took place in September-October 2025, including seven public hearings. All comments were compiled and summarized (**Briefing Materials**).

- The Advisory Panel met on October 9, 2025 to review Draft Addendum II and public comments submitted, and provide input to inform the Management Board’s decisions on the management action (**Supplemental Materials**).

Presentations

- Overview of Draft Addendum II, Public Comment Summary, and Advisory Panel Report by T. Bauer.

Board actions for consideration at this meeting

- Final approval of Draft Addendum II.

5. Consider Approval of Black Drum and Spotted Seatrout Fishery Management Plan Reviews and State Compliance for the 2024 Fishing Year (9:45-9:55 a.m.) Action

Background

- Black drum state compliance reports are due on August 1. The Black Drum Plan Review Team (PRT) has reviewed state compliance reports and compiled the annual FMP review. There were no requests by states for *de minimis* status (**Briefing Materials**).
- Spotted Seatrout state compliance reports are due on September 1. The Spotted Seatrout PRT has reviewed state compliance reports and compiled the annual FMP Review. New Jersey and Delaware have requested continued *de minimis* status (**Briefing Materials**).

Presentations

- FMP Reviews for Black Drum and Spotted Seatrout by T. Bauer.

Board actions for consideration at this meeting

- Consider approval of the 2024 FMP Review and state compliance reports for Black Drum.
- Consider approval of the 2024 FMP Review, state compliance reports, and New Jersey and Delaware’s *de minimis* requests for Spotted Seatrout.

6. Progress Update on 2026 Atlantic Croaker Benchmark Stock Assessment (9:55-10:00 a.m.)

Background

- Work on the Atlantic croaker benchmark stock assessment was initiated in early 2023, but was paused in Fall 2024 due to multiple personnel constraints. Work was reinitiated in February 2025 to update time series, split datasets into a new regional stock structure definition, and reconsider data sets based on the new stock structure definition.
- The SAS held check-in calls in April, May and July 2025, and a sub-group of SAS members has resumed meeting biweekly to discuss Atlantic croaker modeling progress. The next in-person assessment workshop will be in late 2025 or early 2026.

Presentations

- Stock assessment update by C. Schlick.

7. Other Business/Adjourn

Sciaenids Management Board

Activity level: High

Committee Overlap Score: Moderate (American Eel TC, Cobia TC, Horseshoe Crab TC, Weakfish TC)

Committee Task List

- Atlantic Croaker and Spot SAS – Conduct Atlantic Croaker and Spot Benchmark Assessments
- Black Drum TC – Update indicators
- Atlantic Croaker TC – Gather data and assist with Atlantic Croaker Benchmark Assessment; Conduct Traffic Light Analysis
- Spot TC – Gather data and assist with Spot Benchmark Assessment; Conduct Traffic Light Analysis
- Atlantic Croaker TC/PRT – July 1: Compliance Reports Due
- Red Drum TC/PRT – July 1: Compliance Reports Due
- Black Drum TC/PRT – August 1: Compliance Reports Due
- Spotted Seatrout PRT – September 1: Compliance Reports Due
- Spot TC/PRT – November 1: Compliance Reports Due

TC Members:

Atlantic Croaker: Margaret Finch (SC, Chair), Tracey Bauer (ASMFC), Stacy VanMorter (NJ), Devon Scott (DE), Harry Rickabaugh (MD), Ingrid Braun (PRFC), Catherine Wilhelm (VA), Willow Patten (NC), Dawn Franco (GA), Halie OFarrell (FL)

Black Drum: Harry Rickabaugh (MD, Chair), Jeff Kipp (ASMFC), Tracey Bauer (ASMFC), Jennifer Pyle (NJ), Jordan Zimmerman (DE), Ethan Simpson (VA), Chris Stewart (NC), Chris McDonough (SC), Ryan Harrell (GA)

Red Drum: Ethan Simpson (VA, Chair), Jeff Kipp (ASMFC), Tracey Bauer (ASMFC), Samara Nehemiah (ASMFC), Alissa Wilson (NJ), Matthew Jargowsky (MD), Cara Kowalchuk (NC, Vice-Chair), Joey Ballenger (SC), Chris Kalinowsky (GA), Sarah Burnsed (FL)

Spot: Harry Rickabaugh (MD, Chair), Jeff Kipp (ASMFC), Tracey Bauer (ASMFC), Samara Nehemiah (ASMFC), Stacy VanMorter (NJ), Devon Scott (DE), Ingrid Braun (PRFC), Catherine Wilhelm (VA), Willow Patten (NC), Michelle Willis (SC), Britney Hall (GA), Halie OFarrell (FL)

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Atlantic Croaker: Ingrid Braun (PRFC), Ethan Simpson (VA), Willow Patten (NC), Chris McDonough (SC), Tracey Bauer (ASMFC)

Black Drum: Jordan Zimmerman (DE), Chris Stewart (NC), Chris McDonough (SC), Tracey Bauer (ASMFC)

Red Drum: Matthew Jargowsky (MD), Ethan Simpson (VA), Cara Kowalchyk (NC), Joey Ballenger (SC), Matt Kenworthy (FL), Tracey Bauer (ASMFC)

Spot: Harry Rickabaugh (MD), Ethan Simpson (VA), Chris McDonough (SC), Dawn Franco (GA), Tracey Bauer (ASMFC)

Spotted Seatrout: Tracey Bauer (ASMFC), Lucas Pensinger (NC), Brad Floyd (SC), Chris Kalinowsky (GA)

SAS Members:

Red Drum: Joey Ballenger (SC, Chair), Jeff Kipp (ASMFC), Tracey Bauer (ASMFC), Angela Giuliano (MD), CJ Schlick (SC), Jared Flowers (GA), Chris Swanson (FL), Ethan Simpson (VA)

Atlantic Croaker and Spot: CJ Schlick (SC, Chair), Jeff Kipp (ASMFC), Tracey Bauer (ASMFC), Samara Nehemiah (ASMFC), Harry Rickabaugh (MD), Brooke Lowman (VA), Trey Mace (MD), Margaret Finch (SC)

PDT Members:

Red Drum: Tracey Bauer (ASMFC), Joey Ballenger (SC), Jeff Renchen (FL), Ethan Simpson (VA), Cara Kowalchyk (NC), Matt Jargowsky (MD), Stacy VanMorter (NJ), Ryan Harrell (GA)

**DRAFT PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
SCIAENIDS MANAGEMENT BOARD**

**The Westin Crystal City
Arlington, Virginia
Hybrid Meeting**

August 5, 2025

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1. **Approval of agenda** by consent (Page 1).
2. **Approval of Proceedings of May 6, 2025** by consent (Page 1).
3. **Move to remove Section 3.4 Option D from consideration in Draft Addendum II** (Page 10). Motion by Dave Sikorski; second by Joe Grist. Motion approved with no objections (Page 10).
4. **Move to remove Section 3.5 Sub-Option B1 from consideration in Draft Addendum II** (Page 10). Motion by Erika Burgess; second by Spud Woodward. Motion passes by consent (Page 11).
5. **Move to approve Red Drum Draft Addendum II as modified today for public comment** (Page 12). Motion by Dr. Malcolm Rhodes; second by Joe Grist. Motion carries by consent (Page 12).
6. **Move to approve Delaware’s request for an exemption from the Spot FMPs. Requirement that Delaware reduce the Spot commercial landings by 1% until the Board develops new de minimis criteria** (Page 18). Motion by John Clark; second by Ben Dyar. Motion passes by consent (Page 18).
7. **Move to approve the Red Drum FMP Review for the 2024 Fishing Year as amended today, state compliance reports, and de minimis status for New Jersey and Delaware** (Page 20). Motion by Roy Miller; second by Dr. Malcolm Rhodes. Motion carries by consent (Page 20).
8. **Move to approve the Atlantic Croaker FMP Review for the 2024 fishing year, state compliance reports, and de minimis status for New Jersey, Delaware, South Carolina, and Georgia commercial fisheries, and New Jersey’s recreational fishery** (Page 22). Motion by John Clark; second by Joe Cimino. Motion passes by consent (Page 22).
9. **Move to adjourn** by consent (Page 23).

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Joe Cimino, NJ (AA)	Chris Batsavage, NC, proxy for K. Rawls (AA)
Jeff Kaelin, NJ (GA)	Ben Dyar, SC, proxy for B. Keppler (AA)
Adam Nowalsky, NJ, proxy for Sen. Gopal (LA)	Malcolm Rhodes, SC (GA)
John Clark, DE (AA)	Mel Bell, SC, proxy for Sen. Cromer (LA)
Roy Miller, DE (GA)	Doug Haymans, GA (AA)
Carrie Kennedy, MD, proxy for L. Fegley (AA)	Spud Woodward, GA (GA)
Robert Brown, MD, proxy for R. Dize (GA)	Erika Burgess, FL, proxy for J. McCawley (AA)
David Sikorski, MD, proxy for Del. Stein (LA)	Gary Jennings, FL (AA)
Joe Grist, VA, proxy for J. Green (AA)	Ron Owens, PRFC

(AA = Administrative Appointee; GA = Governor Appointee; LA = Legislative Appointee)

Ex-Officio Members

Harry Rickabaugh, Black Drum Technical Committee Chair; Spot Technical Committee Chair	Ethan Simpson, Red Drum Technical Committee Chair

Staff

Bob Beal	Caitlin Starks	Katie Drew
Toni Kerns	Jeff Kipp	Samara Nehemiah
Tina Berger	Tracey Bauer	Chelsea Tuohy
Madeline Musante	James Boyle	

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The Sciaenids Management Board of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Jefferson Ballroom of the Westin Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Virginia, via hybrid meeting, in-person and webinar; Tuesday, August 5, 2025, and was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chair Doug Haymans.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR DOUG HAYMANS: Hear ye, hear ye. We shall call the Sciaenids Board, August 2025 meeting to order. Thank you, gentlemen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CHAIR HAYMANS: First, we have before us the consent for the agenda and the proceedings from May of 2025. Are there any additions to the agenda? Seeing none; we have consent on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

CHAIR HAYMANS: Did anybody find any corrections, deletions or additions to the May 2024 minutes, proceedings, excuse me. Seeing none; we'll accept those as provided to us.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIR HAYMANS: Next is public comment for items not on the agenda? Anyone in the public or online wishing to speak to items not on the agenda? We have none in the visible public nor on line. Let's move right into the item of the day.

CONSIDER RED DRUM DRAFT ADDENDUM II ON MODIFICATIONS TO RED DRUM MANAGEMENT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIR HAYMANS: The Draft Addendum II to Amendment 2, for Red Drum. I will turn this over to Tracey.

MS. TRACEY BAUER: All right, thank you, Mr. Chair, and good afternoon, everyone. I will be walking through Draft Addendum II to the Red Drum Interstate Fishery Management Plan,

modifying red drum management. In today's presentation, I will be starting off with a very brief introduction, and then getting into each issue separately, providing that issues background and the statement of the problem, before describing the proposed management options for that issue.

Of course, the Board action for consideration today is consideration of approving Draft Addendum II for public comment. I have a timeline for the Draft Addendum in this table as a reminder of where we started and what we're working towards. Since the Sciaenid Board met last May, the PDT was formed and has been meeting and working hard to develop this Addendum.

Following this meeting, if the document is approved for public comment, the public comment period, along with public hearings would likely be somewhere around late August and September of this year, and we are still aiming towards final action at the annual meeting in October 2025.

Just as a reminder, and for members of the public listening online, the management area of red drum, as specified in Amendment 2 to the red drum Interstate Fishery Management Plan is the entire Atlantic Coast distribution of the resource from Florida east coast through New Jersey, and the management area is divided into a southern region and a northern region. Whenever I'm talking about the southern region, I am referring to the Atlantic Coast of Florida north through the South Carolina border, with North Carolina and the northern region extends from that North Carolina/South Carolina border north through New Jersey.

There are five separate issues in this Addendum. When the Board takes final action on the Addendum, there is the opportunity to select any measure within the range of options that go out for public comment, including combining options across issues. Just as a reminder as we move forward.

Getting into a little bit of initial background. Before I begin reviewing the issues, I wanted to provide some context that applies to a couple of the

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sections in this Addendum, such as like Section 3.1 and 3.3. Following the benchmark stock assessment, finding the southern stock of red drum to be overfished and experiencing overfishing.

The Board, with help from the TC and SAS have been considering how to most appropriately address this negative stock status. As a result, this motion on the board here was approved at the Sciaenids Board May 2025 meeting. The motion initiated an addendum to require states to set regulations. They will be expected not to exceed F 30%, retaining the management goal of F40%.

In this motion it also said the TC should not consider noncompliance when evaluating the states regulations abilities to not exceed F30%, and states which have changed the regulations after the terminal year for fishing, after the terminal year for fishing mortality in the 2024 stock assessment, should use actual recreational harvest estimates to evaluate that.

Jumping right in, Section 3.1, alternative state management regimes. The current Commission management document for red drum, Amendment 2, names one specific paper, Vaughn and Carmichael, with tables for states to use to determine what management measures do not exceed the target fishing mortality.

An example of the tables from this paper in Amendment 2, are pictured on the right of the slide, and earlier this year the TC determined that the methodology used in this paper is no longer an option and is outdated. Instead of Addendum II specifying a specific new method to estimate the change in catch that results from adjusting regulations.

The Board expressed interest in allowing for future flexibility, by developing a process which allows states to propose changes to regulations in response to new information on the stock. As a part of this process, new methodologies to estimate the impact of regulation changes on

fishing mortality could be proposed and approved by the Board.

Most importantly at this time, it would allow the southern region states to respond to the results of the most recent benchmark assessment. The proposed management options with 3.1 Option A, the red drum management would be limited to the tables from Vaughn and Carmichael in Amendment 2, to determine the impact of regulations on catch, and the Plan Development Team as we were meeting, noted that the methodology in Amendment 2, these tables are no longer considered the best available science, nor directly comparable to outputs from the modern, most recent red drum assessment. Option 3.1, Option B would establish a new process to allow states in either stock to propose changes to the management measures.

This process would typically occur following the acceptance of a stock assessment for management use by the Board, and it would be to end and prevent overfishing. I will briefly run through what Draft Addendum II lays out as a proposed process in Option B. Again, the Draft Addendum does not specify a methodology to estimate catch reductions achieved from adjusting regulations, but just said whatever methodology is used must be approved by the Board.

In our current case, following our most recent benchmark stock assessment, we already have a Board approved methodology, which the TC has developed and it was presented to you all in February and May meeting earlier this year. The Draft Addendum provides further detail on how states within a management region can work together, and what sort of information would need to be in the proposal.

After the states developed their proposal with the Board approved methodology, the proposals would be reviewed by the Technical Committee to ensure the data and analysis are technically sound. Basically, it would be to confirm that the proposal follows the Board approved methodology.

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If the state wishes to gather public input on the regulation options in their respective proposal, they can do that any time in that process, and it would all be done at the state level. It's all up to the state how they want to gather that public input. After the TC reviews, the proposals would be presented and approved by the Board, chiefly if they achieve the required percent change in catch fishing mortality.

Then finally, the states would select one of the regulation options in the proposal to implement. One other thing I wanted to make a note of. Following the guidance and the motion approved at the May 2025 Board meeting, this option also includes language to clarify that if a state has already implemented regulations to reduce catch following the terminal year of an assessment.

Data from MRIP can be used to estimate actual reductions achieved. When the PDT was discussing this item, they also thought it would be important to clarify that specifically MRIP data must be used, and thought that if a state is calculating and achieved such reduction with MRIP data, there should be at least three years of data to consider.

Moving on to Section 3.2, allow alternative methods to estimate fishing mortality for use in management, so 3.2 in the document originates from additional guidance received by Board members over e-mail, to include in Draft Addendum II as a pathway for new methods to estimate fishing mortality for the evaluation of future regulation changes that the states may propose.

The e-mail and further discussions with the PDT established the main concerns that led to this request. The issue in the Draft Addendum would provide the means to proactively address concerns that delays the future assessments that may delay a state's ability to reevaluate the impacts of red drum management on the stock, and/or for states to use outdated methodologies to provide management advice.

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Current Commission guidelines found in the Commission's TC guidance document state that alternate analyses or methods to assess the stock should be submitted within the Commission's assessment process, so whenever a new benchmark assessment occurs to be considered for management use.

For example, if a state completes its own assessment of their sub stock between Commission assessments, and finds that there has been improvement to the stock status of their sub stock. Currently the Commission's red drum FMP or any Commission document does not have a process to allow states to bring forward those results for use in management between assessments, to make adjustments to their management measures. This leads to the proposed management options for 3.2.

First status quo, which would be following our current guidelines found in the TC guidance document, that outside assessments should be brought forward during a Commission benchmark assessment, if the group would like their assessment to be considered for management use. Alternative assessments are subject to the same standards, documentation and process as Commission assessments, including SAS, TC, and independent peer review.

For 3.2 Option B. This would establish a process or pathway to allow states to propose alternative methods to estimate fishing mortality and use these results to make management decisions. To explain the process proposed in 3.2 Option B, I have another flow chart here. In this option states would submit their methods and analyses to estimate the changes in fishing mortality to the TC and SAS.

Next, the TC and SAS would review the submitted analyses and make recommendations. They can also recommend that it be reviewed by the Commission's Assessment Science Committee if they believe they need additional or independent expertise. The Board would then review all of the feedback from the TC, SAS and the Assessment Science Committee.

If applicable, it would make the decision to approve for management use, if the alternate analysis is consistent with the goals and objectives of the FMP. To bring everything together, if the analysis is approved for management use, the state would then follow a similar process to what is laid out in the previous issue that we just discussed, to submit proposals with new management measures, and get those approved by the Board, which you can see in the next slide.

Basically, they would go through the whole process to get their methodology approved by the Board, and then they would move on and submit proposals with management measures following a very similar process to what is proposed in 3.1. Since 3.2 Option B is outside our current assessment process, and it's not currently in place for any other species, the PDT requested input on it from the TC and SAS. I'm going to hand it over to Ethan Simpson, the Red Drum TC Chair to cover the TCs discussion and recommendations on this.

MR. ETHAN SIMPSON: The TC and SAS met several times to go through these proposals, and a number of items came to light. The primary point of discussion was around the potential for localized depletion using these methodologies that may lead to adverse impacts on the stock unit as a whole. In particular, the TC was looking for more research needed to better understand the mixing mechanism between states within a sub region. Beyond that the TC identified a need for safeguards like the formal review process as part of a normal benchmark assessment, to ensure that sub stock selecting a localized fishing mortality information is consistent with stockwide information.

The proposed process does deviate from the Commission's existing process for alternative analysis, which ensures alternative analyses undergo the same level of external review as base assessment models. Depending on the style of the state-specific assessment, the

estimates from those assessments and the sub stock assessment would not necessarily be directly comparable, which creates an issue down the line of trying to marry the two.

Analyses by groups independent of the SAS further complicate those comparisons, as there may be differences in decision making, data treatment, or otherwise the materials that go into these assessments. As the solutions or thought process going into this, there needs to be an ability to clearly define quantity being used as a basis of fishing mortality, whether that is SPR, escapement, F and particularly how that is calculated.

A use of different quantities through time may lead to conflicting management advice, depending on the differences between the assessments. One of the reasons noted for a process which allows for alternative methods to estimate F had concerns related to the timeliness of Commission assessments. There was concern that they could essentially go stale between assessments.

The TC did want to note that the Commission does have a process for management boards to request expediated assessments. In a red-zone-specific concern is based on their life history the TC believes that at least a sub adult generation of time, which would be similar to the five-year period recommended by the TC for the next assessment, is an appropriate minimum for addressing any impacts of regulatory changes to stock status before they consider new regulations. Thank you.

MS. BAUER: Thanks, Ethan. Moving on to Section 3.3, management requirements. This issue originates from a Board motion from the May 2025 meeting, the one I reviewed earlier, where the Board requested clarification on the fishing mortality threshold and goal, and requires states implement measures to not exceed F30%.

With this discussion with the PDT on this issue, the PDT noted that this request would not impact the biological reference point in Amendment 2. In Amendment 2, it defines the target as an SPR of 40% or F40 as those two quantities are equivalent,

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and a threshold of an SPR below 30%, which results in an overfishing determination for red drum.

In addition, Amendment 2 required all states within a management unit to implement the appropriate recreational bag and size limit, combinations to attain the goal target of the SPR of 40%. Management requirements, this section provides options which specify a fishing mortality level, which states would be required to achieve through proposed and implemented regulations.

Option A, status quo, is the requirement that states implement an appropriate bag and size limit to attain the target of 40%SPR or F40. In Option B, this would establish the required fishing mortality level of 30% SPR or F30, which states would be required to achieve to end overfishing through proposed and implemented management measures, with a target of decreasing fishing mortality below the fishing mortality associated with 40%SPR.

The PDT noted that if this option is selected by the Board, all states in the southern management region, which is the only reason at the moment they have ability for states to have the ability to manage to an SPR F level, would be required to implement regulations expected to reduce fishing mortality below the threshold of F30%.

It was also noted in line with the May 2025 Board motion that the method to calculate the necessary reduction of fishing mortality, so fishing mortality is low F30% would not incorporate assumptions of noncompliance. In this section, just as a side note, there is also some notes from the PDT meant to provide some context to the public on what F30 or F40 would mean for the stock in anglers.

One thing I wanted to note before I moved on to 3.4. There is a request from the PDT for clarification in one aspect of 3.2 that process drew out analyses outside of ASMFCs typical

process, and 3.3, which we just reviewed establishing the threshold that take me to meet with the regulations.

Whether these are both meant to apply the entire management until or just the southern region, and we can discuss this at the end of the presentation. Moving on to Section 3.4, northern region management options. This issue in the draft addendum originates from the other approved Board motion from the Board's Spring 2025 meeting, which is shown on the slide.

As noted in the motion, although the southern stock was found to be not overfished and not experiencing overfishing, there was an increasing trend in fishing mortality observed in the assessment in this region. In addition, the increased effort in harvest observed in the northern region could indicate that the current management is no longer conservative enough to restrain the harvest to appropriate levels.

Stakeholders and Board members have also expressed concern with how the combination of increased abundance of red drum in recent years in the Chesapeake Bay, and the continued restrictive regulations of other traditional Chesapeake Bay port fish such as striped bass, may exasperate or be contributing to the increasing fishing mortality.

In response to all of these concerns that I just listed, there is an interest to act preemptively and precautionarily to control fishing mortality, especially before a fishery for red drum in the states north of North Carolina is fully developed. One other thing to note with the statement of the problem is secondary to the concern with increasing fishing mortality.

This issue could also address the variability and current red drum regulations in the northern region, particularly within the Chesapeake Bay, where bag limits range from one fish to five fish per person per day, and jurisdictions or states all have different maximum size limits, and 3.4 this northern region management options would provide options

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for the northern region to align their differing regulations, particularly in the Chesapeake Bay.

On another note, before I get into all the options that the Board again is not limited to selecting only one option, and can select among options. I also wanted to note that the reduction achieved by any proposed regulation changes in the northern region cannot be calculated for the region as a whole, future low sample sizes and uncertainty.

In the recreational data for jurisdictions states north of Virginia, but you can find reductions achieved for various potential regulation changes in North Carolina and Virginia in Appendix 1 at the end of the document. Moving on to the proposed management options for 3.4, there is Option A, status quo, which would be no required changes to current management measures in the northern region.

Then first we have Option B, which considers modifications to the recreational management measures in the Chesapeake Bay states or jurisdictions. Just to clarify, I say jurisdictions, because it includes the PRFC. This option allows the Board to select a bag limit of either 3, 2 or 1 fish per person per day, and a bag limit for all three jurisdictions between 18 to 26 inches total length. I have the current regulations for all the northern region/states up there for reference again.

Next, I will touch on Options C and D. Option C is specific to North Carolina's slot limit. It would require North Carolina to select the recreational slot limit between 18 and 26 inches. Currently, North Carolina has a maximum slot size of 27 inches total length. Lastly, with Option D, there are three sub-options.

The first of which would require all states in the northern region to raise their slot size limit. Sub-Option D2 would require all states in the northern region to lower their maximum slot size limit, and Sub-Option D3 would require all

states in the northern region to adjust both their minimum and maximum slot size limits.

The PDT had some discussion about Option D, whether it was appropriate or necessary, but decided to include it for the Board's consideration in this document. Lastly, but not least, is Section 3.5, de minimis provisions. States can request and be granted de minimis, which is meant to reduce the management burden for states whose measures would have a negligible effect on the conservation of the species.

In 2022 as you remember, the Policy Board approved and updated de minimis policy, which provided guidance on the de minimis provisions for all ASMFC species. Currently, red drum's Amendment 2 does not have any specific guidelines for evaluating whether a state should be considered de minimis, nor does it establish any measures for de minimis states specifically.

This Draft Addendum is an opportunity to update and establish the de minimis provisions in the red drum FMP. Again, red drum's Amendment 2 does not have any specific guidelines for evaluating whether a state should be considered de minimis, or any specific set of measures for de minimis states that would not need to change annually.

The PRT, the Plan Review Team, currently considers a state de minimis if the average total landings for the last two years are less than 1% of the coastwide average. Option A as is, would maintain the status quo. Option B for 3.5 would update the de minimis provisions in Amendment 2, to align with the guidelines in the Commission's 2022 De Minimis Policy. Only three-year averages were considered in Option B, as the PDT agreed that a three-year average preferable to a two-year average when dealing with highly variable MRIP data.

There are two sub-options in Option B, one that considers de minimis coastwide, so New Jersey through Florida, and one that considers de minimis regionally, so for the southern region and northern region separately. The reasoning behind looking

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into de minimis regionally is that the northern and southern regions are two separate stocks.

The PDT was considering whether de minimis should be considered separately as well, and match the stocks. In Sub-Option B1, a state would be considered de minimis if the average total landings for the last three years are less than 1% of the coastwide total landings. Sub-Option B2, a state would be considered de minimis if the average total landings for the last three years are less than 1% from its respective region.

Regional de minimis for red drum would, at least at this time, not impact the southern region at all, as all three states regulate to the total landings for that region. It could impact the northern region however, if you calculate de minimis for the northern states using the total landing for just the northern region.

States with very low sporadic landings such as New Jersey and Delaware might become more likely or be more sensitive to changes in their landings, and could potentially jump in and out of de minimis. When you're considering landings in the northern region, although New Jersey and Delaware have very low landings, they would now make up a larger piece of the pie with regional de minimis.

Lastly, the PDT had difficulty deciding what specific management measure would be considered as required for de minimis states, especially as there may be changes to the northern region management measures, depending on what option or options the Board might ultimately select in 3.4.

For now, Option B for both sub-options just include a process which would allow the PRT or the Technical Committee to recommend appropriate commercial and recreational measures for de minimis states, which the Board would review and approve. That is it for the summary of all the options in the document, and again for Board action for

consideration today is consider approving Draft Addendum II for public comment, and I'm happy to take any questions at this time.

CHAIR HAYMANS: All right, so the way I would like to take questions and comments, let's start with Sections 1 and 2 of the document and ask is there anybody that has question or comment, edit or otherwise for Sections 1 and 2. Erika.

MS. ERIKA BURGESS: I was wondering if it would be amenable through consent of the Board to make an edit to part of this, and it's for.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Is that edit in Section 3.2?

MS. BURGESS: Let me check. You can go to someone else.

CHAIR HAYMANS: I just want to make sure that we're covering Sections 1 and 2. If we're good there, I know there is an edit coming in Section 3.2. Okay, I see no hands or comments on the intro and status, so let's move into, I'm sorry, Chris Batsavage.

MR. CHRIS BATSAVAGE: Sorry about the late hand. You're basically just going looking for any modifications to I guess intro and statement of the problem?

CHAIR HAYMANS: Correct.

MR. BATSAVAGE: I think I'm okay. I think I have a couple editorial things that might be more in the management section. It is kind of a statement of the problem, but it is specific for the northern region. I guess when we get to that I'll mention it there, so I'm not jumping ahead.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Well, if it is specific to the northern region, I'm assuming that would be in Section 2, if you want.

MR. BATSAVAGE: I'll go ahead and just add it here, just so it doesn't get lost in the shuffle. Yes, it was actually in the presentation too, you know Tracey mentioned, in terms of the northern region for the

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statement of the problem regarding red drum, the higher recreational harvest and effort. Part of that was there was some concern over restrictive regulations of other Chesapeake Bay fish that are targeted.

It said specifically, or as an example, striped bass. I'm wondering, instead of restrictive regulations it might be changing availability or something like that, where you would have multiple poor year classes of striped bass out of the Chesapeake Bay, so there is fewer of them, and there is maybe less availability of some other targeted recreational species in the Bay compared to years or decades ago.

That might be a better way to describe it. The regulations come into play, but for a fish like striped bass and red drum, it would have a large release component. Availability probably is more of a driving factor, as far as whether people are targeting one or the other species than necessarily the regulations.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Okay, I see Tracey follows you on your comment and we're good. Anything else? All right, let's move into 3.1. Are there comments, suggestions, petitions to 3.1? Okay, seeing none; I think we're now at 3.2, and Erika, I think this may be where your edit is.

MS. BURGESS: Yes, I'm sorry, I thought you were saying 3.1, 3.2 earlier, when you were talking about 1 and 2. My apologies. There is wording in 3.2, Option B that refers to the SAS being one of the reviewers for proposals. We haven't set the SAS as the standing body right now, but it's not typically a body that necessarily is contingent on the perpetuity between assessments.

I was wondering if it might be prudent to remove reference to the SAS there, and just have it be the TC. Then, so I'm looking at Page 11, the second paragraph. That is where that is, and then the third paragraph as well. Then it says the TC could recommend additional review

by the Assessment Science Committee. My preference would be that it said the Board would request the Assessment Science Committee's review, not the TC.

MS. BAUER: Erika, if it would be easier on like half the text that was sent with the edits, would you like me to pull that out so the Board can look at the changes that were suggested?

MS. BURGESS: That would be great. Thank you.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Erika, would you take a quick look at that and make sure it is correct? Anyone have any issue with SAS, essentially that's what that does is strike the SAS. If I understand, the makeup of SAS and TC are very similar throughout. This is having the TC review sent to the Board, and if the Board needs additional assistance for you, they'll ask for the Assessment and Science Committee, is that right?

MS. BURGESS: Yes, Mr. Chair, also the SAS is stood up when we do an assessment, it doesn't remain in place in perpetuity. We could be at a time when there isn't a SAS, yet we have an addendum that says we have to consult the SAS. This just takes some complications out each time. Then also for the Board to be the one to ask for the Assessment Science Committee review and not the TC.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Ben.

MR. BEN DYAR: I agree with these edits, don't have a problem with it. Just want to make it clarified too that I think goes without saying, but that the TC could recommend if they feel they don't have the adequate ability to determine something, that they could recommend that maybe ASC to the Board, not that it needs to be in there, just want to make a comment.

CHAIR HAYMANS: I believe that's correct. Okay, I don't necessarily think we need a motion here, but is there general agreement that this change is okay. I see thumbs up, okay, very good. Anything else on 3.2? Okay, 3.3. Comments? At this point I would look to folks on perpendicular tables to me at least,

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northern region, to have some discussion as to whether or not you want the F30 that the southern region has asked for, to also apply to the northern region. Talk amongst yourself and let me know.

MS. BAUER: I will note, within the document as it stands now, the language is open to apply to both. We would have to change it if we wanted to make it specific to the southern region. When it mentioned the southern region in 3.3, it's just specifically to what the consequences are right now, which is for the public.

CHAIR HAYMANS: This was a point of clarification to the TC, right? They wanted to know whether it was both, oh the PDT, yes. Chris Batsavage:

MR. BATSAVAGE: Would the Board, when it comes back for final approval, final action, I guess one of the options could be that we could recommend that threshold for like the southern population but not the northern population, even if we say it could be applied to either today. I was trying to figure out what kind of leeway the Board has, depending on what we decide to go into the document now.

MS. BAUER: I think if we added a line in there about that, that this could be for either/or region, it's up to the Board's discretion. In Option B I think that would be appropriate, or one of the ways to handle it, at least.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Tracey, you can craft that sentence, it's either/or. The public should be able to understand that it could apply to the northern region, if necessary, if needed. Okay, I'm clear as mud. Okay, moving to 3.4, maybe not? Likewise, I think we would probably need a similar statement in 3.2. If it's okay with everyone we'll allow Tracey to add a similar statement to 3.2. Seeing no consternation, okay. Then we are at 3.4, and that is for the northern region management options. Are there any discussion points on those options? Chris.

MR. BATSAVAGE: Tracey, I don't know if it's appropriate or not, at least for the northern region to maybe point out to the public, where we're looking at increasing the minimum size limit as an option, that the growth rate at that stage of a red drums life is pretty fast. If we increase the 19 inches, depending on the time of year it might only take that fish a month to go from 18 to 19 inches.

There is limited conservation benefit by doing that, as opposed to decreasing the maximum size limit, which the growth rate is a little slower on red drum, but it kind of shortens the time it takes for the fish to get out of the slot and into a more protected zone. I'll just look to the Board to see if they agree with just kind of adding that caveat, similar to some other caveats that we have with the options in the Addendum.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Any feedback? Yes, Dave.

MR. DAVID SIKORSKI: Thank you, Chris, for bringing that up, because I think what you just stated makes a lot of sense. I missed initially, you were talking about Option D. I was having a sidebar, Chris, Option D is, or just in general?

MR. BATSAVAGE: Just for a second, 3.4.

MR. SIKORSKI: I'm of the mindset, because of what Chris said, Option 3.4D is probably not that valuable, it's the alignment with the biology as he was speaking, and how quickly they grow, and then from our perspective how quickly they grow through the slot and are available to fisheries. For us in Maryland, you add the seasonality component of it. Look at these little spikes where we'll get at the fish for about two years in a strong year class, then they'll disappear for a couple years, and we won't get that access until there is future recruitment.

I'm looking it up at 3.4 Option D is maybe valuable to get some input on from the public. But in general, I don't know that it gets us anything as northern region. I would be interested in removing it if the Board agreed, just to simplify the document, because again, I'm not sure what it gains us moving

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forward as northern region. If anybody would support that, I would like to hear some thoughts on that or opposition, thank you. I'm happy to make a motion if the chair would like that.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Any additional discussion on the thoughts for that motion before the motion is made? Carrie.

MS. CARRIE KENNEDY: I agree with Dave. I don't necessarily know that there is a lot of benefit, and I think it makes sense to be consistent among Bay jurisdictions. I just don't know that it makes much sense to be consistent for the whole northern region.

CHAIR HAYMANS: I see some general nodding of heads in agreement. Okay, let's hear a motion.

MR. SIKORSKI: **Move to remove Section 3.4, Option D from consideration in Draft Addendum II.**

CHAIR HAYMANS: Is there a second. Got a second, any additional discussion needed on the motion? We heard some good reasons right up front. **Seeing none; is there any opposition to the motion? No opposition, motion carries.** Yes, we're struggling with names down here, I'm sorry, guys. Truth hurts. It was approved with no objection.

Okay, 3.5 de minimis. Hopefully there will be a motion to get rid of one of those provisions in there. Let's talk about de minimis, guys. Any comments on de minimis? Is there any reason to leave a coastwide de minimis option? Is anybody in favor of a coastwide de minimis option across two different stocks?

MR. BATSAVAGE: I think I would just look to the de minimis states for their thoughts on that. I think Tracey, if I understand correctly, if we did a coastwide de minimis, then basically it will be easier for a state to stay in de minimis under coastwide as opposed to regional.

To where a couple bad year classes experienced in Maryland and Virginia, and an unexpected increase in harvest in the de minimis states could put them above that 1% threshold. I don't have a preference for either option at this point, but since you are offering maybe for the Board to consider just one or the other, I would look to the de minimis states to see what they think about this.

MR. HAYMANS: I guess when I was asking for that I was misremembering the definition for de minimis, because I thought it had a negligible effect on the stock. But if it is on conservation of the species as written, okay. But where I am coming from is again, we're managing these as two separate stocks, why would we cloud the issue with one option covering across the board? It didn't make sense to me. Joe, you had a question, comment?

MR. JOE CIMINO: No, I agree. I was seeing this as, I didn't understand why we would be looking across two different stocks. If that is not the case then I have no problems keeping it in. Otherwise, I think today we'll be having a conversation about the policy of the three years, and the less than 1% in general, and that could be addressed in other ways. If this is looking across two different stocks, then I don't see it as having value in the document.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Erika.

MS. BURGESS: Then if I understand correctly, I would like to offer a motion. Toni was first.

MS. TONI KERNS: I was just going to say, I haven't thought about this ahead of time, so I haven't really thought. But I will say that I don't believe in any other plan we divide de minimis by stock, and we do have a lot of species that have different stocks. De minimis has always been by coast, but I haven't put my brain power to this question, because it didn't come up ahead of time. I'll let Erika go ahead, but I'll just note that for how we manage de minimis with other species, right or wrong.

MS. BURGESS: I would like to make a **motion to remove 3.5 Sub-Option B1**, so that de minimis

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would be considered based on the stock management level.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Is there a second? Spud. Okay, any more discussion on that? Would the maker, anything else to add on reasoning? No, seconder, none. **Any opposition to this motion? Seeing none; the motion carries.** It seems as though there is a bit of discussion amongst bigger minds than mine up here, as to the implications of taking it out having not been thoroughly considered at this point. Perhaps a motion to reconsider is in order, and if it needs to be removed then we would remove it before we finalize it. No, I see no one interested. Roy.

MR. ROY W. MILLER: Sorry, Mr. Chair, I may not be addressing the question you had asked. I'll just hold off for a second, thanks.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Bob.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROBERT E. BEAL: What if the Board just kind of continues on for a little bit with the other issues, if there are some, and then we'll think about this for a few minutes and then come back to it. Is that workable?

CHAIR HAYMANS: Roy.

MR. MILLER: I'm trying to get it straight in my mind. The TC and/or the PRT will come up with de minimis measures, say for the northern region states. Can a state not submit their own measures that they feel will be de minimis for review? I would assume with TC review, but are we taking that power away from the states to do that?

MS. BAUER: Hey, Roy, that is a good question, and part of this originates from that original point in 2022 Policy that said that de minimis policies or provisions had to specify specific measures for de minimis states, so that their measures would not change from year to year with the rest of the states in the management area. The PDT couldn't really come up with anything specific, especially since we don't

know how the measures are going to turn out for 3.4. It's kind of kicking the ball down the road for now as a TC discussion. I know like in the PDT discussion we talked about how for de minimis states that the regulations could remain as is. I mean they are appropriate for those states as is. It's kind of a little bit of a question mark now exactly what it would look like.

MR. MILLER: I was just thinking that who better to decide whether a fishery is de minimis than the state where that fishing is occurring, as opposed to a TC, which may not be terribly familiar with the fact that let's say Delaware might catch under 10 red drum in a given year, or even less. Whereas, the state agency fully recognizes that.

MS. BAUER: Yes, so like for what state is de minimis is determined by that specific, like what the de minimis policy currently says. I don't know if that will change with later discussions at some point. But if you look at the three-year average of landings from that state and compare it to the coastwide average of landings, a state is de minimis if it is only 1% or less of the coastwide. That is the definition that applies for all states, and when you're considering whether or not it is de minimis.

CHAIR HAYMANS: I would also make the minor point, Roy, that I hope you instruct, was it the AA instructs their TC member to bring whatever measures they would like to see implemented before the PRT or the TC. That is hopefully we've all got representatives on those two groups. I heard no one interested in reconsidering, so the motion has carried. We're only looking at Sub-Option B2, Regional. Any other discussions on Addendum II to Amendment 2? Bob.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: We've chatted about this over here a little bit, I'm not sure if we really made a decision. I'm not commenting on, it's good or bad to have coastwide de minimis. But I think the reality would be that if you have two separate stock units, and a state's catch is being compared to those sub units rather than the whole coast.

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Fewer states will qualify for de minimis, because each of those sub units would have a smaller catch, obviously, than the total. You know a state like New Jersey that has been kind of on the bubble at 0.9 to 1.3% or whatever it is, and the threshold is 1%. If de minimis is evaluated relative to the stock units rather than the coast, New Jersey probably would not qualify for de minimis, it would always be above that threshold and required to implement the regulations.

Is that good or bad? That is up to the Board. But I think as you sub divide the catch into smaller units and compare the small catch states to those smaller units, fewer will qualify. Is that good or bad, I'm not sure. That is, I think the reality of chopping it up into smaller units.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Go ahead, Toni.

MS. KERNS: It's possible, maybe, I haven't done any math to figure this out, but that states that didn't qualify before because we were looking at the whole coast, would qualify now, because they are in a smaller stock unit all of a sudden, if that makes sense.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Counter to what Bob just said.

MS. KERNS: Well that all of a sudden, like you now, say you end up with a two-state region in horseshoe crab. Then one of those states could be de minimis and the other one would not be, potentially, whereas before if it was the whole coast that may or may not have happened.

CHAIR HAYMANS: I guess maybe I brought it up, but what I was looking at was if you're de minimis, then anything that you do, any actions you take, has no effect on the species. I was looking at it from the stock size, right. Why would we want to mix those stocks? But it does say species.

Okay, I get it, right. But we'll try it and hey, this is a very malleable process. If we have to come

back and fix it later, we'll fix it. I think we're done with Addendum II. Moving on, we are now going to look at the Review of the 2025 Traffic Light Analysis for Spot and Atlantic Croaker. First, we have Harry Rickabaugh.

DR. MALCOLM RHODES: Don't we need to approve the amended document for public comment?

CHAIR HAYMANS: I'm sorry, we have to approve the amended document. I just assumed that when we all agreed on it that it was good to go. Does it say action on this? No, it doesn't. Malcolm, go ahead.

DR. RHODES: I would love to approve Red Drum Draft Amendment 2 as modified for public comment.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Thank you, and it's Mr. Grist for the second, thank you, sir. It's the first one I've every approved for public comment. Dr. Rhodes, I believe you said Amendment, and it needs to be Addendum.

DR. RHODES: I'm sorry, Addendum.

CHAIR HAYMANS: The record is correct.

DR. RHODES: **Move to approve Red Drum Draft Addendum II as modified today for public comment.**

CHAIR HAYMANS: Thank you, and the second stands. **Is there any objection? Seeing none; it is approved for public comment.** Next, we are going to hear from Harry Rickabaugh, with regard to spots traffic light analysis. It's all yours.

REVIEW 2025 TRAFFIC LIGHT ANALYSES FOR SPOT AND ATLANTIC CROAKER

MR. HARRY RICKABAUGH: My name is Harry Rickabaugh with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. I am the current Spot TC Chair. For this presentation, we're going to have three sections. The first two sections I'll be presenting,

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the first one I'll give a brief description of the TLA methodology.

However, the traffic light is used to trigger management action, and the current management measures that are in place. The second part then I'll go over the Spot traffic light update for 2025, and then I'll turn it over to Margaret Finch, who will go over the 2025 traffic light analysis for Atlantic Croaker. We are using a fuzzy traffic light analysis, which uses linear regression to assign actual proportion of color for each index value. The index proportion of color is calculated using a mean and a 95% confidence limits of the 2002 to 2012 reference period.

Just a real quick demonstration on how we're doing that. If you look at that graph figure on the right, the horizontal line through the middle there, the mean is 100% yellow. That would be the mean of the reference period for a given index. As you move above that, you get more and more percentage of green.

As you get to the 95% confidence limit, it becomes 50% green, and then when you get to two times the upper confidence limit is 100% green, obviously red is the same thing but in reverse. As you move down you get a higher proportion of red. The indices are combined in the two metrics; these metrics are the harvest metric and the adult abundance metric. They are also divided by region.

The indices are combined, there are two with each metric, and they are combined through a weighting of 50/50, so each one of these composites you'll see later combine two different indices for that particular metric. The regions that we're using for both species are a Mid-Atlantic and a South Atlantic region, with the Mid-Atlantic being North Carolina through Virginia, I'm sorry, New Jersey through Virginia and the South Atlantic being North Carolina through Florida.

Both species also have a harvest metric, which is made up of the recreational and commercial harvest. Adult abundance indices for Spot are for Age 1 plus fish. In the Mid-Atlantic the two surveys used there are the ChesMAPP Survey and the Northeast Fisheries Science Center Survey. In the South Atlantic it is the SEAMAP Survey, and in North Carolina Pamlico Sound Survey. For Croaker the adult abundance metric is for Age 2 plus fish.

Also using in the Mid-Atlantic the ChesMAPP and Northeast Science Center Surveys, in the South Atlantic SEAMAP again, but it uses the South Carolina trammel net survey as the second survey. As far as how the traffic light is used for management. If you look at this table at the top, we have two different thresholds for each species, a 60% red threshold and then the corresponding management action we take is below that.

To trigger management action, you have to exceed a threshold in one region, and both the harvest metric and the abundance metric. It takes both of those metrics in one region to trigger a management action. We didn't have that occur for both species in 2020, so currently once that happens, the measures have to stay in place for at least three years for Croaker, two years for Spot.

De minimis states are not required to take these actions at the 30% level, but would be at the 60% level. The regulations can be relaxed once the abundance metric is no longer triggered. We don't use the harvest metric once the trigger has been tripped, because the regulations that are put in place could artificially lower the harvest rate, which would increase a proportion of red. However, once we do come back out of being triggered, so when the abundance becomes above that 3% threshold for the recommended number of years for either species, we can use the harvest metric once again to evaluate during the traffic light analysis. Now I'll move into the actual Spot Update for 2025. For all the presentations you're going to see for both species, we'll use these same figures.

Just a quick layout, the Y axis is the proportion of color, the X axis is the year, there are two horizontal

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black bars in each graph. The lower one is the 30% threshold; the upper one is the 60% threshold. Again, there are two indices in each of these, so it is possible to have red and green in the same year, because one index can be above the mean and one could be below the mean.

For the Mid-Atlantic, of course you can see it again, this is for Spot. The terminal three years for the harvest composite are above the 30% threshold, and in the South Atlantic you can see we've had a higher proportion of red in the South Atlantic for an extended period of time. The total two years are actually above the 60% threshold, and we had nine years in a row above the 30% threshold.

The harvest composite response is actually tripped at the 60% level, due to the South Atlantic being above for two consecutive years. But again, you also have to have the abundance metric in order to trigger management action at the same level. Then if we look at the abundance composite indices, you'll see that the Mid-Atlantic there was only one year of the terminal three years, that is 2023 that is above the 30% red threshold, and in the South Atlantic there are no proportions of red in the terminal three years.

Neither one of these are tripped at the 30% level, so the overall trigger is not tripped. This TLA was a little better summary of all that. We have the three terminal years; it's the ones we're evaluating. Again, two of those indicates that that particular metric is tripped, and again the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic are both tripped for the harvest at the 30% level, and the South Atlantic at the 60, but were not tripped in either of those regions for the abundance metric.

Technically we could come out of the regulations we put in place in 2021, but the TC is recommending that we maintain those regulations for the 2026 fishing year. As you've seen, a couple times I mentioned that the

harvest metrics are still well into the red in the South Atlantic they were very high, they actually increased in the last two years, compared to previous years.

Also, the Mid-Atlantic did have that one year, 2023, which was above the 30% abundance threshold, so if we were to go above that 30% abundance threshold in 2025, it would retrigger any management actions that you would be removing today if you were inclined to do so. We also are waiting for the benchmark stock assessment, which hopefully will begin in early 2026, following the completion of the croaker stock assessment.

That should give us a better indication of stock status than the current traffic light is, and the TC would rather wait to see the results of that before making any kind of management changes at this time. With that I would take questions on either the traffic light structure itself, or the spot update.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Questions for Harry. Okay, seeing none; the TC recommends no management measure changes, right?

MR. RICKABAUGH: That is correct.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Okay, is there anything we need to do then? Thank you very much for that report.

MR. RICKABAUGH: You're welcome.

CHAIR HAYMANS: I think we next move to Croaker and we have Margaret Finch online.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

MS. MARGARET FINCH: Hi, my name is Margaret Finch, and I am the current Chair of the Atlantic Croaker TC. I am the fisheries biologist for South Carolina DNR, and I mostly work with data from our offshores fishery independent surveys. Diving right into the results from the 2025 Atlantic Croaker TLA with a terminal year of 2024.

First, we will look at the harvest composite indices, which is the combination of the recreational and

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commercial landings. As a reminder, we cannot currently use these for assessing trigger mechanisms, since harvest restrictions are currently in place. Landings remain low in both regions, however, relative to the reference period of 2002 through 2012, though it is unknown if this is due to the harvest restrictions that are currently in place, or continued concern for the fishery.

The Mid-Atlantic harvest metric was 81% red in 2024, with all four of the terminal years exceeding the 60% red threshold. Furthermore, this is the seventh consecutive year that the Mid-Atlantic harvest has exceeded the 60% threshold. The South Atlantic harvest metric was 49% red in 2024, and the 30% red threshold was exceeded in all four terminal years.

Now moving on to the adult composite indices, and as a reminder as Harry said, this is the adult age 2 plus Atlantic Croaker for the Mid-Atlantic. We use the Northeast Fisheries Science bottom trawl survey and the ChesMAPP survey, and then for the South Atlantic we use the SEAMAP Coastal Trawl Survey, and the CDNR Trammel Net Survey.

Starting with the Mid-Atlantic, we see that the 30% red threshold was exceeded in three of the last four terminal years, however, index values were up in 2024 with no red, and 79% green. For the South Atlantic we did not trigger either the 30% or the 60% threshold, and the last four years are predominantly green or yellow, representing no concern.

For 2024, we saw only 9% red. Since we have remained in the triggered state, the composite abundance characteristics could trigger further action if exceeding the 60% red threshold in any of the three or four terminal years in either region. However, that is not the case here. Finally, just summarizing the last four years and the overall results for the 2025 Atlantic Croaker TLA.

Because the harvest metrics cannot be used when management is in place, and to keep harvest low, and the fact that we have remained in the triggered state. The interpretation of the TLA relies on the abundance metrics only. Therefore, we have the TLA status for the harvest metrics listed as unknown here, even though the Mid-Atlantic exceeds the 60% threshold, and the South Atlantic exceeds the 30% threshold. Although the South Atlantic abundance index did not exceed any threshold level, the Mid-Atlantic abundance index continues to exceed the 30% threshold in three of the four terminal years, 2021, '22, and '23.

Therefore, the overall TLA status for 2024 for Atlantic Croaker is triggered at the 30% level. With all of that being said, the TC recommends maintaining the current regulations for the 2026 fishing year for Atlantic croaker. This is due to the fact that even though the TLA continues to be triggered at the 30% threshold, it has not elevated to that 60% threshold.

Furthermore, the TC did not want to recommend more restrictive measures, since the Atlantic croaker stock assessment is expected to be completed within the year. With that I can take any questions on Atlantic croaker.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Thank you very much, Margaret, I appreciate that report. Are there any questions for Margaret? Seeing none; the TC recommends maintaining current management measures, so I don't think there is anything else we need to do. Thank you very much, Harry and Margaret. We'll move on to our next agenda item, and I'm going to turn it over to John Clark, to talk to us about a letter that was sent to us July 22.

CONSIDER DELAWARE SPOT COMMERCIAL MEASURES PROPOSAL

MR. JOHN CLARK: This ties in very neatly with the updates we just heard. The gist of the letter is that Delaware has now exceeded the de minimis criteria for Spot, for I believe we're going on five years now. It's not because our catches have really grown that

much. It's unfortunately, because it looks like coastwide that catches have come down.

In any event, as I've said before, we are more than willing to put the recreational regulation into place. We would like to be consistent on that, and our law in Delaware only allows us to make changes when required to do so by a fishery management plan. From that standpoint we're fine with not to be considered de minimis on recreational. We will put the regulation in place.

On the commercial side, as I detailed in the memo, it's a difficult thing to do to reduce a very small catch by 1%. As I said there, pretty much anything we do would either be probably cutting us more than 1%, or cutting us not at all. Some of the things we would have to do would just kind of be silly, I think, you know if we had like a one-day season closure, call it spot and croaker day or something.

In any event, I was thinking that these are probably criteria that as a Board we would like to reexamine here for spot and croaker, and it sounded like we're going to be looking at red drum de minimis criteria also. I was hoping that the Board might on this species, and it turns out that I think New Jersey is in the same boat as we are commercially on croaker.

Perhaps suspend the requirement that our states would have to reduce our commercial quotas by 1% until the Board can perhaps come up with de minimis criteria that are more applicable these days. That is the request from Delaware. As I said, we are certainly willing and able to put into place the recreational measures.

CHAIR HAYMANS: I'll entertain questions for John, and then I believe we have a motion we can put up after that. But are there questions for John on their request? Ben and then Chris.

MR. BEN DYAR: Not necessarily a question, but more of a statement, I guess. I don't have any

issues with this request on the outset, and maybe not at the time today, but to further John's comments. I would be very interested in seeing, I know our state could find ourselves easily in the same situation, and really being limited in the management options.

We would be interested in entertaining some of those de minimis conversations and splitting the recreational and the commercial in some of these fisheries. Again, maybe not for today, but just for my support and I would like to see those conversations.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Chris.

MR. BATSAVAGE: Question for John. The 1% reduction is kind of a hard target to hit, no matter how high your landings are. In fact, I don't think North Carolina's commercial landings have reduced. I would like to think they have gone up since we put our season closure in, and other states have put in season closures at kind of the end of the season when spot landings tail off, to avoid as you described a one-day closure, and also to avoid regulatory discards.

When you and your staff were looking at potential options, did you consider a closure toward the end of the year, when spot landings kind of tail off to where you would maybe hit a 1% reduction for X number of years out of how many you looked at, similar to what Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and PRFC did?

MR. CLARK: From what we gather from our data is it's not really a directed fishery on spot, we're a gillnet fishery, and that is the only gear that has really been landing spot. It's one of those, I would say it's much more of an opportunistic fishery. Years where we do tend to land more spot it's probably a multispecies catch that they are getting.

Because we're kind of more on the edge of the range, as I mentioned in the memo, I think that one of the things we would run into is we might close at a point where we would be cutting a lot more than 1%, or we would end up closing at a date where we

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don't do anything, you know they've already left Delaware Bay, let's say.

If I based it on the previous year and closed, let's say sometime in October, and then for whatever reason the spot is gone by October. Obviously that closure date is doing nothing. Again, we can do something like that, I think we have enough data we could come up with something.

But I think as we've just been discussing here, perhaps it's time to take a good look at the de minimis measures. As you mentioned, even for a state that does land a lot of Spot, like yours, a 1% is kind of a hard target to hit. Maybe we just reevaluate what we're doing, in terms of commercial management of both these species.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Go Joe.

MR. CIMINO: I think I'll jump in now, just because as John mentioned, New Jersey is in a similar situation with Atlantic croaker. Coming out of de minimis, which is less than 1% of a fishery that used to be in the tens of millions of pounds, and now isn't anywhere near that. A 1% commercial reduction would put us in a very similar awkward situation.

We're looking at a target of trying to reduce a couple hundred pounds, and potentially setting up a gillnet fishery that is going to have discards that are 10 to 20 times that. I have concerns with that. We haven't been in this situation for as many years. New Jersey does tend to bring forward the 50 fish recreational limit for both croaker and spot to our Marine Fisheries Council.

If we're granted de minimis for another year, I think I would wait to see what happens with red drum, get through that public hearing. I would like to visit all three species at one time. But we are fully supportive of having those types of reasonable limits in place. It's just the idea of looking at a reduction in the hundreds of pounds that could possibly result in much,

much higher discards for a gillnet fishery that is not targeting those fish.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Okay, Joe Grist.

MR. JOSEPH GRIST: This may be directed more towards staff, hearing the discussion. Do we have anything that we could point to, just use a historical precedent that we've done something like this before on the suspension that we just point to that the precedent has already been set? I mean I think there are some good arguments are being made here by Delaware and New Jersey.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Toni, we just did this last year for Delaware, what species was it?

MR. CLARK: It was spot. Like I said, we've actually been higher than de minimis on spot, because of the combined. Like I said, this is probably five years in a row, Joe. The Board has very kindly waved for those requirements on us. But at this point, and as I said, from our standpoint it was, on the one hand we did want to put the recreational measures into place.

But the way our law is written, unless it is required that we do that, which it would be since we're no longer in de minimis. That would allow us to put the recreational regulations into place, but the complication has always been this 1% commercial, so that is how we would like to proceed, is just to be kind of excused from the commercial side.

MS. BAUER: I did want to add, the difference here from previous years is that the Board was granting Delaware's request for continued de minimis, despite being over. Whereas, in this case they are now non de minimis, and they are asking to have an exemption for their commercial regs.

CHAIR HAYMANS: I'm going to let Toni speak to that and I'll come back to you, okay. Toni.

MS. KERNS: I'll just say, you know we have this de minimis policy and it sets some boundaries. But it also provides management boards the flexibility with unique characteristics of a species or a fishery

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to go outside of those specifics. I think that there could be some discussions that this Board has relative to how these species potentially are cyclical or the nature of how these fisheries work within these states might have you change your de minimis policy to reflect something different than is in the policy itself. But have it something more unique for these species, so that you don't have to keep doing this with each of the state each year. It might be something that either task the TC to think about or the PRT to think about. Maybe we get through some of this red drum stuff first and then we address this. But you are not bound by that, you can go outside of the box.

CHAIR HAYMANS: I think we've done a pretty good job of that to this point. Ben.

MR. DYAR: Just clarity for the Board, John. How long, like a timeframe we're talking about, you know for these recreational changes to take effect or get through? You know you're talking about sustaining the 1%, you've got likely a short timeframe that we're very concerned about.

MR. CLARK: Based on legislation we got a few years ago, we can actually implement the recreational regulations within, believe it or not a matter of weeks. We can move quickly on that. But like I said, it's not that we can't do the commercial, it's just that we would like to see a whole reevaluation of that side of things.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Okay, John, would you like to entertain a motion here?

MR. CLARK: I certainly would.

CHAIR HAYMANS: I think we've got something ready.

MR. CLARK: I know it's well written, because Tracey wrote it. Move to approve Delaware's request for an exemption from the Spot FMP's requirement that Delaware reduce its Spot commercial landings by 1%.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Before I entertain a second, John, any sidewalls on that, as far as timeline goes, how long that should be an exemption?

MR. CLARK: Good point. Maybe we could add to that exemption until the Board develops new de minimis criteria. Would that be acceptable to the Board?

CHAIR HAYMANS: It is to the Board Chair, but let's see if we get a second from the rest of the Board. Ben with a second. Okay, how about reread it, just since we've added that.

MR. CLARK: Okay, doesn't look like text has been added yet. Okay, I'll go ahead and read it now, Mr. Chair. **Move to approve Delaware's request for an exemption from the Spot fishery management plans requirement that Delaware reduce its Spot commercial landings by 1% until the Board develops new de minimis criteria.**

CHAIR HAYMANS: Okay, we've got a second from Ben, is there any additional discussion? Chris Batsavage.

MR. BATSAVAGE: Yes, I think that and this extra piece at least shows that the Board is going to look at, address these issues that were identified for de minimis for Spot and maybe even Croaker and Red Drum. I guess I would feel better coming out of this meeting if the Board tasked the Plan Review Team to maybe provide some feedback.

Review the de minimis criteria for at least Spot and any other species we're concerned about, and provide some feedback recommendations for the Board to consider when we get to this point, just try to complete the loop as opposed to just kind of saying, you know, we'll develop some new criteria sometime in the future. But you know, kind of have a marker for that actually to occur sooner rather than later.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Tracey is noting that as a task for the TC? PRT. Okay, **any objection to the motion? Seeing none; the motion carries.**

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**CONSIDER ATLANTIC CROAKER AND RED
DRUM FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND
STATE COMPLIANCE FOR THE 2024 FISHING
YEAR**

CHAIR HAYMANS: Which moves us to our Number 7 item on the agenda, which is Consideration of the Atlantic Croaker and Red Drum Fishery Management Plans. For you, Tracey.

MS. BAUER: All right, I will be moving through this pretty quickly, because we've already discussed Red Drum and Atlantic Croaker a lot today. Just as a quick overview I'm going to touch on the status of the Red Drum fishery with data through 2024, and PRT recommendations. Then Atlantic Croaker, again look at status of the FMP, status of the fishery, de minimis requests. We'll need to go into a little bit more detail and PRT recommendations.

Starting off with Red Drum. Starting off with the status of the fishery, this is a figure of total landings. It breaks down the northern and southern regions commercial and recreational landings as the proportion of total coastwide landings, with the northern region near the bottom, or at the bottom of this figure, with commercial being the dark blue way at the bottom and recreational being the northern region, green for the northern region.

Red Drum landings from New Jersey through the East Coast of Florida in 2024 were estimated at about 8.1 million pounds. Sixty-five percent of the total landings came from the southern region, and 35% from the northern region. In the northern region landings totaled 2.8 million pounds in 2024, which was an increase of about 44% from the previous year, and commercial landings in the northern region totaled a little over 200,000 pounds in 2024.

One thing of note is that Virginia's commercial landings in 2024 increased to the highest value in a state's time series since 1965. Continuing with status of the fishery. This figure shows the

total recreational removals compared to the number of fish released in the northern and southern regions. The lines are releases in number of fish for the northern region in green, and the southern region in orange.

The bars are total recreational removals in numbers of fish in the two regions, with blue being northern region and orange being southern region. Just as a reminder, total removals are dead discards plus number of fish harvested. Recreational landing for the northern region in 2024 were estimated to be about 600,000 million fish, which is a 57% increase from the previous year.

Recreational landings in the southern region were estimated at 1.7 million fish, which was a 64% increase from 2023, the previous year. The number of fish released in the northern region, 3.2 million fish increased by 19% in 2024 from the previous year, and since it is estimated that 8% of the released fish die after being caught, the recreational removals from the northern region were estimated to be over 800,000 fish in 2024.

The number of fish released in the southern region, 11 million fish was an increase of 29% from 2023, and a time series high. All told, the recreational removals from the southern region were estimated to be 2.6 million fish, which is also a time series high. The PRT found no inconsistencies with regard to Red Drum's FMP requirements. New Jersey and Delaware requested de minimis status through the annual reporting process, which the PRT does recommend approval of, and they both met the requirements of.

Research and monitoring recommendations can be found in the most recent benchmark stock assessment, and in that simulation assessment and Peer Review Report. I can actually stop there for any Red Drum related questions if you would like.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Any questions for Tracey on the Red Drum Status Report? Any comments? How about a motion to consider approval and the de minimis requests? Roy.

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MR. MILLER: I'll move that, looks like we have wording up there. Do you want me to read it, Mr. Chair? **Move to approve the Red Drum FMP Review for the 2024 fishing year as amended today, state compliance reports, and de minimis status for New Jersey and Delaware.**

CHAIR HAYMANS: Thank you, I have a second from Dr. Rhodes. Any additional comments or questions? Seeing none; **any objection?** **Seeing none; the motion carries.** All right, Croaker.

MS. BAUER: All right, Atlantic Croaker. One second while we get that presentation. Just as a reminder, Amendment 1 for the Atlantic Croaker Fishery Management Plan did not require any specific measures restricting harvest, but encouraged states with conservative management measures to maintain those conservative management measures.

It also implemented a series of management triggers that were further refined in the TLA in Addendum II and III. Moving on to the status of the fishery. We'll first look at Atlantic Croaker landing trends. In this figure the black line is commercial landings, and the red dashed line is recreational landings, both in millions of pounds.

The total Atlantic Croaker landings in 2024 were estimated at 2.4 million pounds, which is a very slight increase from 2023 at 2.3 million pounds, and commercial landings increased by 65% in 2024 from around 500,000 pounds to over 800,000 pounds, and 2024 recreational landings were at a time series low, estimated at 1.6 million pounds or 4.4 million fish.

In this figure the green bars represent landings of Atlantic Croaker in millions of fish, and the red bar are fish released alive, and the black line is the percent of fish that were released out of the total catch. In 2024, recreational anglers released 30.4 million fish, which was a 12%

decrease from 2023 at 34.8 million fish. The percent of Atlantic Croaker caught by recreational anglers and released has been overall increasing since at least the beginning of the 1990s. An estimated of 87% of the total recreational Croaker catch was released in 2024, which is the highest percentage on record for a fourth year in a row.

Before I get into this year's de minimis requests, I wanted to remind the Board, since we're switching between Spot and Croaker, that the de minimis status for Atlantic Croaker is determined by the three-year average of commercial or recreational landings by weight, if they constitute less than 1% of the coastwide commercial or recreational landings for the same three-year period. Commercial and recreational are considered separately in Atlantic Croaker.

States can again qualify for de minimis in either recreational or commercial sector, or both. For this year's de minimis requests, New Jersey, South Carolina, and Georgia all requested de minimis for their commercial fisheries. South Carolina and Georgia met the de minimis requirements, New Jersey did not at 3.4%.

However, this is the first year New Jersey has been above the commercial de minimis threshold in somewhere around nine-ish years. New Jersey also requested de minimis for the recreational fishery, and the PRT noted that New Jersey's recreational fishery exceeded the 1% de minimis threshold again this year, so this is two years in a row. They exceeded it at 1.7%, and last year it was 1.2 percent. Moving on to the PRT recommendations. The PRT found no inconsistencies among states with regard to the FMP requirements.

The PRT did recommend approval of the state compliance reports and de minimis status for the New Jersey, South Carolina and Georgia commercial fisheries. Although New Jersey's commercial fishery did not meet the requirements for de minimis states this year, the PRT agreed to recommend de minimis status for their commercial fishery for an additional year to confirm that there is a consistent

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trend of higher commercial landings for Atlantic Croaker in New Jersey.

The PRT will continue to monitor the situation, and if New Jersey's Atlantic Croaker commercial fishery exceeds the 1% threshold again next year, the PRT would no longer recommend de minimis status. The PRT does not recommend de minimis for New Jersey's recreational fishery. This is the second year in a row that New Jersey has been above, like I mentioned, the 1% de minimis threshold.

This recommendation by the PRT to not recommend de minimis is in line with the recommendation last year, where they said, similar to what we said for the commercial fishery, that if they were over the threshold again the next year then they would not recommend. The PRT also noted that the 2025 update of the Traffic Light Analysis indicates a continued triggered state for Atlantic Croaker at the 30% threshold, indicating they are still concerned with the stock.

The PRT lastly noted that New Jersey is currently the only state in the management unit now with no recreational regulations for Atlantic Croaker. Also, of note here, Delaware did not request de minimis status for its commercial fishery. They will be required to implement measures that achieve a 1% reduction in the most 10-years average of commercial harvest according to the FMP, and the time requirement to implement this regulation is up to the Sciaenids Board. One thing of note is that this occurred also last year for Delaware's recreational fishery, and Delaware did implement the 50 fish bag limit last fall for Atlantic Croaker. Lastly, the research recommendations can be found in the FMP Review Document and in the 2016 Atlantic Croaker Stock Assessment Peer Review Report. With that, I am done with Atlantic Croaker.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Thank you very much, Tracey. John.

MR. CLARK: As I brought up with Tracey after the fact here, but it was pretty much an oversight on Delaware's part about the commercial. As noted, we were 1.9% of commercial landings for Croaker. But similar to the request I made for Spot.

I would like to see if we could be added to the de minimis, and as with Spot if we could start looking at the de minimis criteria for Croaker also. This one, as mentioned, we exceeded on the recreational side and we do have our recreational regulations in place for Croaker. But same arguments for Spot, it would be very difficult for the 1% reduction.

CHAIR HAYMANS: New Jersey like to address de minimis?

MR. CIMINO: Yes, thanks, Mr. Chair. On the recreational side, I don't see much opposition as we go forward to start having these conversations about getting the 50 fish limits in place. Looking at the raw data from MRIP, we don't have 50 interviews in a year. There are years where our Croaker estimates are based on a single intercept.

I don't think that that reflects our Croaker fishery. I think we're going to be a player in this fishery. But allowing de minimis at this time for New Jersey would at least get us, as mentioned earlier, through the discussions on Red Drum. It would allow us to look at all three species at one time. For Spot and Croaker, I think it is appropriate and really needed to have that 50 fish limit, especially if MRIP isn't getting us a good representation of what we're catching in New Jersey.

Some discussions have happened recently right around here in this area, where you could probably see more than 50 fish in a few pictures online of fishing in New Jersey. I think it's something that needs to be done, but at the same time I still hold on that request for de minimis. I think less than 1% needs to be revisited for these two species, and we'll get the ball rolling.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Any other questions or discussion before we see a motion? Carrie.

MS. KENNEDY: Yes, I just want to say that I support these requests, and there is a little voice in my head that keeps wondering. It yelled loudly enough at me. It keeps wondering if the uncertainty, the PSE in the recreational harvest numbers can account for the commercial landings number. If there is enough uncertainty in what the recreational number is, that potentially that is covered by the commercial number. I just think there is so much uncertainty at that scale that I think it is a completely reasonable request, and I definitely think we need new policies, especially as we consider migrating stocks and changing environmental conditions that mean fish are changing their distribution.

CHAIR HAYMANS: You all remember this discussion when we get to Weakfish in October, because I'm going to be in the same boat. John, would you be interested in making a motion if it appeared on the screen?

MR. CLARK: Well, if there was one, I would. My motion is questions.

CHAIR HAYMANS: I think we'll take some crafting from what is going to appear up there before we take a second.

MR. CLARK: That looks like it. **Move to approve the Atlantic Croaker FMP Review for the 2024 fishing year, state compliance reports and de minimis status for New Jersey, Delaware, South Carolina and Georgia commercial fisheries, and New Jersey's recreational fishery.**

CHAIR HAYMANS: Joe, does that capture everything we need for New Jersey?

MR. CIMINO: My assumption is that under this we would need to try and do the commercial reduction for 1%, which I'm not sure how we would do that. Okay, all right, then my apologies, Mr. Chair.

MS. BAUER: This motion does keep New Jersey de minimis for its recreational, and I just want to double check that that is what is what the Board wants.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Is there a second? Joe, thank you. Any additional discussion? Okay, **any opposition? Seeing none; the motion carries.** Thank you all very much for a wonderful discussion. Is there any other business to come before this Board? Yes, Tracey?

MS. BAUER: Yes, I just want to get clarification to make sure I understand where we're going forward with the de minimis question. Do you want the discussion to be both for Atlantic Croaker and Spot, have the PRTs meet to discuss this and consider the data? Is that what you're looking for? Any other guidance would be helpful.

CHAIR HAYMANS: Joe.

MR. CIMINO: Yes, Tracey. I think looking at Croaker and just remembering my time in North Carolina and Virginia. I mean we're talking about what used to be a single pound net trip that could now take you out of de minimis status. I think just the magnitude of this fishery has changed so drastically, that we kind of need to understand thresholds. I'm not saying that, you know if you're talking about a stock that is in trouble then de minimis should move with that, as we could have a conversation about weakfish later.

But we don't want to be chasing our tail, jumping in and out of de minimis status over that. I think we should be looking at that. You know, what is an appropriate threshold, and also the reductions. You know that 1% of 1% is actually what Delaware and New Jersey are looking at. We are literally talking about taking regulatory action over a few hundred pounds. What is the appropriate threshold for a reduction?

CHAIR HAYMANS: Anyone else to help answer? John.

MR. CLARK: Just to add on, and I know it has come up already, but for Spot of course to separate the recreational and the commercial de minimis, and then look at other ways of evaluating de minimis. I was just thinking, with Spot and Croaker it was the 1% and we've exceeded that.

As Joe mentioned and I mentioned, it's more because the landings have come down so much that our small fisheries are getting caught up with that. I'm just wondering if there are other ways to look at this, other than just a percentage of whatever was caught that year, you know maybe a longer time series to look at or even a, like lobster, like a set poundage that would be considered de minimis.

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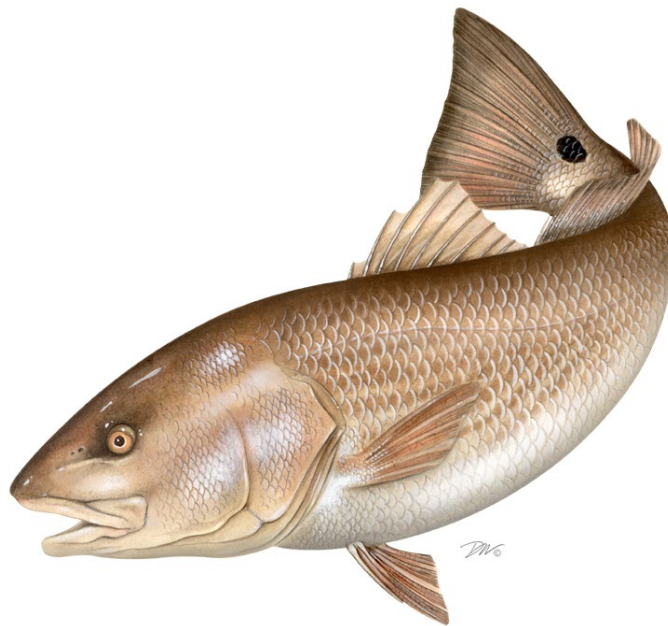
CHAIR HAYMANS: Anyone else, do you have anything to close with as we adjourn? Okay, well, we shall stand adjourned.

(Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2025)

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

DRAFT ADDENDUM II TO AMENDMENT 2 TO THE RED DRUM FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Modifications to Red Drum Management



August 2025



Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries

Red Drum Draft Addendum II for Public Comment

Public Comment Process and Proposed Timeline

In May 2025, the Sciaenids Management Board (Board) initiated Draft Addendum II to Amendment 2 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Red Drum to consider changes to the management programs for the southern (South Carolina to Florida) and northern (New Jersey to North Carolina) regions. The management changes under consideration would allow the Board to respond to the 2024 Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report, which the Board approved for management use in October 2024.

Specifically, this Draft Addendum considers: 1) establishing a process to allow states to propose changes to their regulations in response to new assessment advice; 2) establishing a pathway outside of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (Commission's) assessment process which would allow states to propose new methods to estimate fishing mortality for the evaluation of future regulation changes; 3) levels of fishing mortality states would need to not exceed to end overfishing; 4) modifications to the recreational bag limits and slot limits for the northern region of red drum to address increasing fishing mortality; and 5) updating the *de minimis* provisions of the FMP. This document presents background on the Commission's management of red drum, the addendum process and timeline, a statement of the problem, and management options for public consideration and comment.

The public is encouraged to submit comments regarding the proposed management options in this document at any time during the addendum process. The final date comments will be accepted is **October 1, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. EST**. Comments may be submitted by mail, email or online via the [Red Drum Draft Addendum II Action Tracker Webpage](#). If you have any questions or would like to submit comments, please use the contact information below.

1. **Mail:** Tracey Bauer, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, 1050 N. Highland St. Suite 200A-N, Arlington, VA 22201
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3. **Online:** <https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/>

Date	Action
<i>May 2025</i>	Board Initiated Draft Addendum II
<i>May – July 2025</i>	Plan Development Team (PDT) Developed Draft Addendum Document
<i>August 2025</i>	Board Reviews and Approves Draft Addendum II for Public Comment
<i>September 2025</i>	Public Comment Period, Including Public Hearings
<i>October 2025</i>	Board Reviews Public Comment, Selects Management Measures, Final Approval of Addendum II
<i>TBD</i>	States Implement Addendum II

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1.0 Introduction

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) maintains primary coordination responsibility for red drum in state waters (0-3 miles), under the authority of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (ACFCMA). The Commission defines the red drum management unit as the resource throughout the range of the species within U.S. Atlantic coast waters of the estuaries eastward to the offshore boundaries of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The management area from Amendment 2 is the entire Atlantic coast distribution of the resource from Florida (east coast) through New Jersey. The management area is divided into a southern region and a northern region. The southern region includes the waters of the Atlantic coast of Florida north to the North Carolina/South Carolina border. The northern region extends from the North Carolina/South Carolina border north through New Jersey.

State water fisheries for red drum are currently managed under Amendment 2 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP; ASMFC 2002) and Addendum I. Harvest of red drum in the EEZ has been prohibited by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Service since 1990 (SAFMC 1990).

In May 2025, the Sciaenids Management Board (Board) initiated Draft Addendum II to Amendment 2, with the following objectives:

1. Establish a process for states to propose changes to their regulations to meet the required fishing mortality (F) level;
2. Establish a pathway outside of the Commission's assessment process which allows states to propose new methods to estimate fishing mortality for the evaluation of future regulation changes;
3. Consider the level of fishing mortality level that states would achieve through proposed and implemented management measures to end overfishing;
4. Consider changes to the recreational bag limits and slot limits for the northern region of red drum to address increasing fishing mortality; and
5. Update *de minimis* provisions of the FMP.

2.0 Overview

2.1 Statement of the Problem

The Board initiated Draft Addendum II to consider changes to the management programs for the southern and northern stocks in response to the 2024 Red Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report. The 2024 Red Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report, which the Board approved for management use in October 2024, indicated the southern stock of red drum was overfished and experiencing overfishing, while the northern stock was not overfished and not experiencing overfishing.

Amendment 2 does not provide the means for states to make changes to their bag and size limits to meet the required fishing mortality level using any methodology other than tables from Vaughan and Carmichael (2001). Following the 2024 Red Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment, Vaughan and Carmichael (2001) is no longer the best scientific information

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available to inform red drum management. However, instead of Addendum II specifying a new methodology, the Board expressed interest in allowing for future flexibility by developing a process for states to propose changes to regulations in response to new information on the stock. As a part of this process, new methodologies to estimate the impact of regulation changes on fishing mortality could be proposed and approved. Crucially, the process proposed in this Draft Addendum would allow southern stock states to address the negative stock status indicated by the 2024 Red Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment. The process would also be available for the northern region in the future, if needed.

The Board also expressed interest in proactively addressing a concern that delays to future assessments may delay re-evaluation of red drum management by the states or force the states to use outdated or obsolete methodologies to provide management advice. Current Commission guidelines do not allow any analyses submitted outside the benchmark process to be considered for management use until the next Commission benchmark assessment. As a result, the Board requested development of an alternative pathway to allow for new methodologies to estimate fishing mortality outside of the Commission's assessment process.

In addition, the Board requested Draft Addendum II to clearly define the threshold and target, and the level of fishing mortality management measures must not exceed. It is important to note these changes do not affect the biological reference point (BRP) defined in Amendment 2 used to define stock status with respect to overfishing (30% SPR or $F_{30\%}$, see BRP definitions in Section 2.2 below), nor alters the BRP proposed in the 2024 Red Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report used to define overfished stock status ($SSB_{30\%}$). Instead, Addendum II proposes a new definition of the required fishing mortality level for states to not exceed for state compliance with the Red Drum FMP when an assessment determines overfishing is occurring.

Northern Region

Although the northern stock is not overfished nor experiencing overfishing, an increasing trend in fishing mortality was observed in the northern region during the stock assessment. The increased effort observed in the northern region may indicate current management in this region is no longer conservative enough to restrain harvest to appropriate levels. Historically, red drum abundance has been low north of North Carolina. However, red drum numbers have increased in the Chesapeake Bay in recent years, an indication the northern stock may be experiencing a range expansion. Managers and stakeholders expressed concern that red drum's increasing abundance and declines in abundance of other traditional sportfish in the Chesapeake Bay (e.g., striped bass) may exacerbate the increasing trend in red drum fishing mortality already observed in the region.

In addition, current red drum regulations in the northern region vary between jurisdictions, particularly within the Chesapeake Bay, where bag limits range from one fish to five fish per person per day and jurisdictions all have different maximum size limits. Differing regulations for a species between neighboring jurisdictions, especially for those that share waterbodies like the

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Chesapeake Bay, causes confusion for anglers and can lead to enforcement and compliance issues.

For all of these reasons, the Board wishes to consider changes to the jurisdictions' recreational bag and slot limits for the northern region to 1) act preemptively and precautionarily to control fishing mortality before a fishery for red drum in states north of North Carolina is fully developed and 2) provide the northern region jurisdictions with the opportunity to align their differing regulations, particularly in the Chesapeake Bay.

De Minimis Policy

The Commission includes *de minimis* provisions in interstate FMPs, like Amendment 2 to the Red Drum FMP, to reduce the management burden for states whose measures would have a negligible effect on the conservation of a species. Currently, Amendment 2 does not provide any specific guidelines for evaluating whether a state should be considered *de minimis* nor does it establish any measures for *de minimis* states.

In 2022, the Commission's Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board approved an updated *De Minimis* Policy. The 2022 *De Minimis* Policy includes a specific definition for states to be considered *de minimis*, as well as a requirement that an FMP must establish a set of measures for *de minimis* states to implement that would not have to change annually. This draft addendum will consider updating the *de minimis* provisions for red drum to match the 2022 *De Minimis* Policy.

2.2 Background

2.3.1 Status of the Stock

The 2024 Red Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report indicates the southern stock (South Carolina through the east coast of Florida) is overfished and experiencing overfishing, while the northern stock of red drum (New Jersey through North Carolina) is not overfished and not experiencing overfishing. The two stocks were assessed separately, using different methods.

The southern stock was assessed using a Stock Synthesis (SS) assessment model. Stock status is based on the latest three-year (2019-2021 September through August fishing years; e.g., September 2019 through August 2022) averages of population measures. This assessment moved away from the use of calendar year (i.e., January through December) to a fishing year (September through August) definition to align the data sets and modeled population dynamics to the red drum life cycle. Terminal year spawning potential ratio (SPR) is less than the 30% SPR threshold, indicating the stock is experiencing overfishing. SPR is a measure of spawning biomass expected under current fishing mortality levels and selectivity patterns compared to spawning biomass expected if no fishing mortality were occurring. Note that $F_x\%$ is the fishing mortality level that achieves a SPR of the same percentage of x , so these quantities can be used interchangeably. For example, $F_{30\%}$ and 30% SPR are interchangeable and represent the same fishing intensity. Terminal year female spawning stock biomass (SSB) was 8,737 metric tons

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(19.27 million pounds), less than the SSB threshold of 9,917 metric tons (21.87 million pounds), indicating the stock is overfished. $SSB_{30\%}$ is the level of SSB expected when the stock is fished at the $F_{30\%}$ threshold fishing mortality level.

A robust, technically-sound SS model could not be developed for the northern stock, so the stock was assessed using a traffic light analysis (TLA). The TLA assigns a color (red, yellow or green) to categorize relative levels of metrics that reflect the condition of red drum adult abundance and fishery performance (i.e., fishing mortality). Although these metrics were not red in the last three years of the assessment, indicating the stock was not overfished nor experiencing overfishing, consistent yellow fishery performance metrics indicated increasing fishing mortality in recent years. Continued monitoring of the northern stock and the increasing trend in fishing mortality is recommended in future years through updates to the TLA.

2.3.2 Status of Management

The Commission adopted [Amendment 2](#) to the Red Drum FMP in June 2002 (ASMFC 2002), which serves as the current management plan. The goal of Amendment 2 is to achieve and maintain optimum yield for the Atlantic coast red drum fishery as the amount of harvest that can be taken by U.S. fishermen while maintaining the static spawning potential ratio (sSPR) at or above the target of 40%. There are four plan objectives:

- Achieve and maintain an escapement rate sufficient to prevent recruitment failure and achieve a sSPR at or above 40%.
- Provide a flexible management system to address incompatibility and inconsistency among state and federal regulations which minimizes regulatory delay while retaining substantial ASMFC, Council, and public input into management decisions; and which can adapt to changes in resource abundance, new scientific information, and changes in fishing patterns among user groups or by area.
- Promote cooperative collection of biological, economic, and sociological data required to effectively monitor and assess the status of the red drum resource and evaluate management efforts.
- Restore the age and size structure of the Atlantic coast red drum population.

The sSPR of 40% is considered a target; a sSPR below 30% (threshold level) results in an overfishing determination for red drum. Amendment 2 stated all states within the management unit must implement appropriate recreational bag and size limit combinations needed to attain the target sSPR, and to maintain current, or implement more restrictive, commercial fishery regulations. All states were in compliance by January 1, 2003.

Red drum state-specific commercial and recreational regulations as of August 1, 2025 can be found in Table 1.

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Table 1. Red drum regulations as of August 1, 2025. All size limits are total length. PRFC is the Potomac River Fisheries Commission.

State	Recreational	Commercial
NJ	18" - 27", 1 fish	18" - 27", 1 fish
DE	20" - 27", 5 fish	20" - 27", 5 fish
MD	18" - 27", 1 fish	18" - 25", 5 fish
PRFC	18" - 25", 5 fish	18" - 25", 5 fish
VA	18" - 26", 3 fish	18" - 25", 5 fish
NC	18" - 27", 1 fish	18" - 27"; 250,000 lbs harvest cap with overage payback (150,000 lbs Sept 1- April 30; 100,000 lbs May 1-Aug 31); harvest of red drum allowed with 7 fish daily trip limit; daily landed catch of flounder, bluefish, black drum or striped mullet must exceed daily catch of drum; small mesh (<5" stretched mesh) gill nets attendance requirement May 1 - November 30. Fishing year: September 1 – August 31.
SC	15" - 23", 2 fish per person per day bag limit and 6 fish per boat per day boat limit	Gamefish Only
GA	14" - 23", 5 fish	Gamefish Only
FL	18" - 27"; Northeast Region – 1 fish per person per day, 4 fish vessel limit; Indian River Lagoon Region – 0 fish per person per day, 0 vessel limit; Southeast Region – 1 fish per person per day, 2 fish vessel limit ¹	Sale of native fish prohibited

2.3.3 Status of the Fishery

Red drum fisheries are predominately recreational. In the last 10 years (2015-2024), red drum recreational and commercial harvest averaged approximately 98% and 2%, respectively, of the total coastwide red drum harvest in numbers of fish from both stocks.

The southern region no longer has a commercial fishery for red drum. Florida commercial harvest has been prohibited since January 1988. South Carolina and Georgia have designated red drum as a gamefish, banning commercial harvest and sale since 1987 and 2013, respectively. In the northern region, red drum are harvested commercially as bycatch in fisheries targeting other species. Commercial harvest of red drum, mainly from North Carolina and Virginia, has varied through time without trend.

¹ Florida implemented these recreational regulations on September 1, 2022, following the terminal year of the 2024 benchmark stock assessment.

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The Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) estimates red drum recreational catch, including both number of fish harvested and number of fish released alive by recreational anglers. It is estimated that 8% of released fish die as a result of being caught, which is used to calculate the number of dead discards. Total recreational removals (number of fish harvested + number of dead discards) in both stocks were high in the 1980s, declined in the 1990s, and have been increasing since the early 2000s (Figure 1). Total recreational removals in both stocks have increased, reaching, and in some cases exceeding, time series highs in recent years. Notably, anglers have been releasing an increasingly large percentage of the total recreational catch in both regions (Figure 1). In the last 10 years (2015-2024), on average, anglers released 85% of the fish they caught.

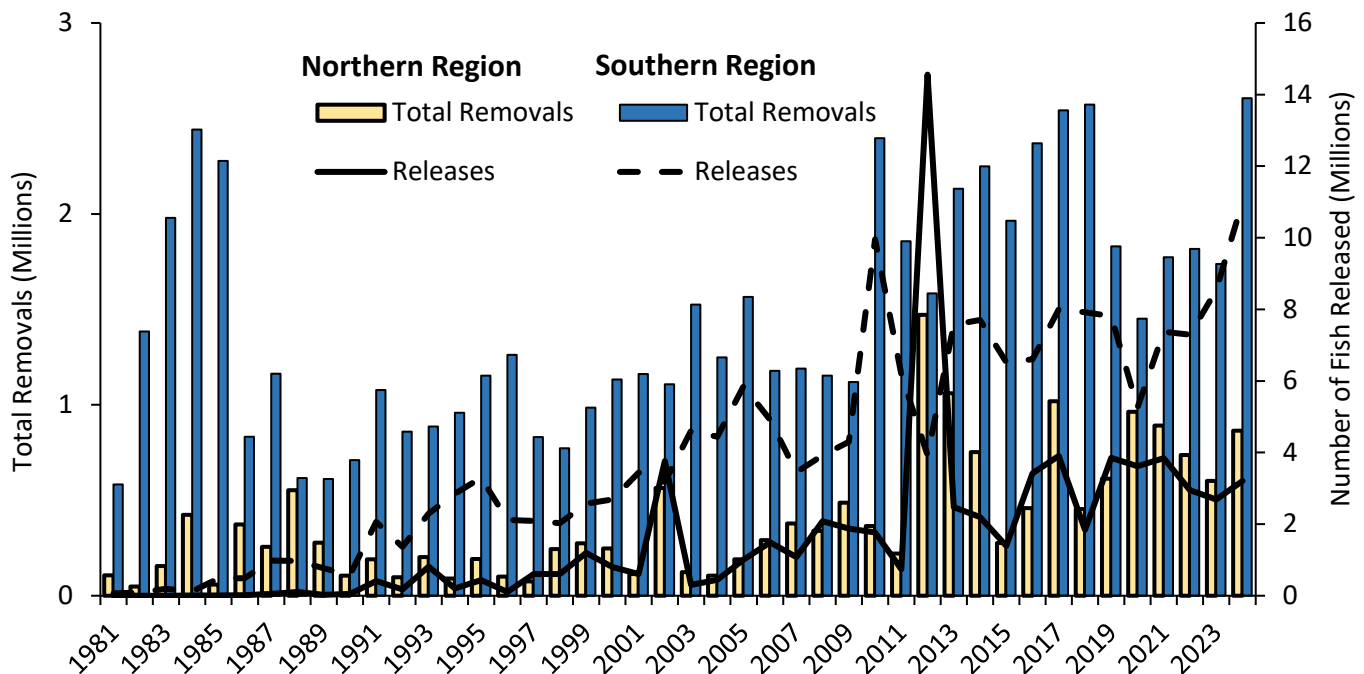


Figure 1. Total recreational removals (harvest + dead discards; numbers) compared to recreational releases of red drum (numbers) by region for 1981-2024.

In the northern region, a majority of recreational removals are from North Carolina and Virginia, followed by Maryland, comprising approximately 60%, 35%, and 5%, respectively, of the most recent 3-year average of recreational removals (2022-2024). In the southern region, a majority of recreational removals are from Florida, followed by Georgia and South Carolina, comprising approximately 43%, 33%, and 24%, respectively, of the most recent 3-year average of recreational removals (2022-2024).

Between 2022 and 2023, recreational removals declined, particularly in Florida, which had implemented more conservative red drum regulations in September 2022 (Table 1). These regulations were implemented after the terminal year of the 2024 benchmark stock

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assessment, so this observed decline in removals could not be incorporated into the model. Following this decline, recreational removals in both the northern and southern regions increased in 2024.

3.0 Proposed Management Options

Draft Addendum II proposes options regarding:

- Alternative State Management Regimes (Section 3.1);
- Allow Alternative Methods to Estimate Fishing Mortality for Use in Management (Section 3.2);
- Management Program (Section 3.3);
- Northern Region Management Options (Section 3.4); and,
- *De Minimis* Provisions (Section 3.5).

When the Board takes final action on the addendum, there is the opportunity to select any measure within the range of options that went out for public comment, including combining options across issues.

3.1 Alternative State Management Regimes

Option A. Status Quo

Under this option, all states must implement an appropriate bag and size limit which will obtain the required fishing mortality level using tables specified in Amendment 2. The tables provide the SPR for a range of bag limits, with increasing minimum size and decreasing maximum size, based on analyses in Vaughan and Carmichael (2001). Under this option, there is no process to change management measures using a methodology that differs from what is described in Vaughan and Carmichael (2001).

The Red Drum Plan Development Team (PDT) notes that Vaughan and Carmichael (2001) is no longer considered best available science nor directly comparable to outputs from the modern red drum assessment.

Option B. Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures

This option would establish a new process to allow states in either stock to propose changes to their management measures using methodology other than Vaughan and Carmichael (2001). This process would typically occur following the acceptance of a stock assessment for management use by the Board, which provides new information on the status of the stock, in order to manage to end and prevent overfishing. This could include liberalizing measures if there are positive trends in the stock condition.

The process would involve the following steps:

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1. States would develop proposals which will include all of the regulation options (i.e., sets of bag/slot/vessel limits) under consideration, using a Board-approved methodology ². States would have the option to either work collaboratively (i.e., states work together to set regulations in each of their states that have the combined effect of achieving the required coastwide reduction) or on their own (e.g., each state must achieve the same X% catch reduction) to achieve the catch reduction or liberalization necessary to not exceed the required fishing mortality level, but this would be agreed upon by the region prior to the development of the proposals. States would provide the following information in their proposals: a description of the methodology used to estimate the catch reduction achieved by changes in regulations; sets of measures under consideration; percent change in catch achieved by the individual state and region, if applicable; estimated implementation timeline by the state. In instances where a state has already implemented regulations to reduce catch following the terminal year of the assessment, data from the MRIP would be to estimate actual reductions in recreational removals. Regulations would need to be in place for at least three years to be used to estimate the actual reduction achieved.
2. These proposals would be reviewed by the Red Drum Technical Committee (TC) to ensure the data and analysis are technically sound. The TC would also evaluate a state's proposed action based on whether it will contribute to overfishing of the resource as defined by the addendum. Public input on proposed measures would be gathered at the state level through state processes.
3. The proposals would be presented to and approved by the Board. Proposals should follow a Board-approved methodology and the region as a whole should achieve the Board-approved percent change in catch.
4. Once approved, states would select one of the options from their proposals to implement.

3.2 Allow Alternative Methods to Estimate Fishing Mortality for Use in Management

Option A. Status Quo

Under this option, estimates of fishing mortality outside of the most recent Commission stock assessment cannot be used unless brought forward during a benchmark stock assessment process if a group would like their assessment to be considered for management use.

Alternative assessments are subject to the same standards, documentation, and process as assessments developed by the Commission, including the Red Drum Stock Assessment Subcommittee (SAS), TC, and independent peer review. External groups must notify the Commission one month in advance of an assessment workshop regarding their interest in presenting an alternative assessment at the workshop. Any analyses submitted outside the benchmark process may not be considered for management until the next Commission benchmark assessment.

Option B. Establish Process to Adjust State Management Measures, Allowing for Alternative Methods to Estimate Fishing Mortality

² If not already available, the TC will develop and/or evaluate a methodology to estimate the change in catch that results from adjusting regulations, such as bag, vessel, and slot limits. All methodologies will need to be approved by the Board for management use prior to the development of proposals.

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This option outlines a process that would allow states to propose methods outside of the most recently Board-approved regional benchmark stock assessment to estimate changes to fishing mortality. This option would apply to both the northern and southern regions, unless it is otherwise specified by the Board when they take final action on the Draft Addendum.

The methods and analyses used to estimate changes to fishing mortality would be submitted by the state(s) proposing the action and reviewed by the TC to ensure the data and analysis are technically sound. The TC would also evaluate a state's methodology and analyses based on whether it will contribute to overfishing of the resource as defined by the addendum. The Board could recommend additional review by the Commission's Assessment Science Committee (ASC), if additional technical expertise or independent review is needed.

The Board would review comments from the TC and ASC, if applicable, and decide whether to approve proposed alternative analyses for management use if the Board determines that the alternative analysis is consistent with the goals and objectives of the fishery management plan.

If the alternative methods are approved for management use, the process to change management measures would then involve the following steps:

1. State(s) would develop proposals which will include all of the regulation options (i.e., sets of bag/slot/vessel limits) under consideration, using the Board-approved methodology³. If there is more than one state proposing changes, states have the option to either work collaboratively or on their own (i.e., each state must show how their changes impact fishing mortality). State(s) would provide the following information in their proposals: a detailed description of the methodology used; sets of measures under consideration; percent change in catch achieved by the individual state and region, if applicable; estimated implementation timeline by the state.
2. These proposals would be reviewed by the TC to ensure the data and analysis are technically sound. The TC would also evaluate a state's proposed action based on whether it will contribute to overfishing of the resource as defined by the Red Drum FMP. Public input on proposed measures would be gathered at the state level through state processes.
3. The proposals would be presented to and approved by the Board. Proposals would follow a Board-approved methodology and the region as a whole should achieve the Board-approved percent change in harvest.
4. Once approved, states would select one of the options from their proposals to implement.

³ If not already available, the TC will develop and/or evaluate a methodology to estimate the change in catch that results from adjusting regulations, such as bag, vessel, and slot limits. The methods and analyses used to estimate changes to fishing mortality from the proposed action shall be provided by the state proposing the action and reviewed by the TC. All methodologies will need to be approved by the Board for management use prior to the development of proposals.

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3.3 Management Program

The below options specify a fishing mortality level that states would achieve through proposed and implemented management measures.

In Amendment 2, the overfishing threshold is defined as $F_{30\%}$ and the target fishing mortality rate is defined as $F_{40\%}$.

Refer to Appendix I for the initial percent reductions in catch the southern region would need to achieve to reduce the average fishing mortality levels from the end of the 2024 stock assessment for Option A (Status Quo) and Option B (Establish Required Fishing Mortality Level of $F_{30\%}$).

Option A. Status Quo

Amendment 2 specifies states must implement an appropriate bag and size limit which will attain the target of 40% SPR or $F_{40\%}$. Note, in Amendment 2 this is referred to as a management goal (i.e., states must implement management measures to meet this fishing mortality level).

The PDT notes under this option, all states must implement appropriate bag, trip, and/or size limit regulations that are expected to reduce fishing mortality below the target of $F_{40\%}$.

In addition, to provide context on the difference between managing to the threshold ($F_{30\%}$) and target ($F_{40\%}$), the PDT notes Option A, with a level of $F_{40\%}$, represents a more conservative regulatory program than Option B, which decreases the probability of unsustainable harvest and further stock declines. However, relative to Option B, Option A decreases recreational anglers' access to utilize the public resource.

Option B. Establish Required Fishing Mortality Level of $F_{30\%}$

In this option, states would implement management measures which attain the threshold of 30% SPR or $F_{30\%}$ and end overfishing (i.e., $F < F_{30\%}$ or 30% SPR under terminal year fishery selectivity patterns), with a target of decreasing fishing mortality such that it is less than the fishing mortality associated with 40% SPR under terminal year fishery selectivity patterns. The reduction in fishing mortality would be calculated using methodologies developed by the TC that do not incorporate noncompliance and are approved by the Board.

The PDT notes that an implication of this option, if selected by the Board, is all states in the southern management region (SC-FL) would implement appropriate bag, trip, and/or size limit regulations that would be expected to reduce fishing mortality below the threshold of $F_{30\%}$.

In addition, to provide context on the difference between managing to the threshold ($F_{30\%}$) and target ($F_{40\%}$), the PDT notes a threshold of $F_{30\%}$ would represent a more liberal regulatory program compared to the status quo (Option A), which increases the probability of unsustainable harvest and further stock declines. However, relative to Option A, Option B increases recreational anglers' access to utilize the public resource.

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This option would apply to both the northern and southern regions, unless it is otherwise specified by the Board when they take final action on the Draft Addendum.

3.4 Northern Region Management Options

This issue considers modifications to the recreational bag limits and/or slot sizes in the northern region of red drum to address increasing fishing mortality in the region, as observed in the 2024 benchmark stock assessment. To accomplish this, the issue considers two factors:

1. Matching regulations between jurisdictions within the Chesapeake Bay
2. Modifying existing slot-size limits within North Carolina

Appendix II contains examples of the estimated percent reductions in red drum catch achieved for several potential regulation changes for Virginia and North Carolina. The magnitude of reduction in catch necessary to reduce fishing mortality in the northern management region cannot be calculated due to lack of a model approved for management use beyond the Traffic Light Analysis. The reduction achieved by any proposed regulation changes in the northern region cannot be calculated for the region as a whole either, due to low sample sizes and uncertainty in the recreational data for jurisdictions north of Virginia.

The PDT notes an increase in the minimum size limit, which is considered in Options B and C, would have limited conservation benefit to red drum due to their rapid growth rate. Growth rates of sub-adult red drum are so rapid that an increase in the minimum size limit would only provide protection for red drum below that new minimum size for a short period of time within the same season. In comparison, lowering the maximum size limit is expected to have a greater conservation benefit, as it would allow red drum to grow out of the harvest slot and be permanently protected from harvest sooner.

Option A. Status Quo

Under this option, states in the northern region would maintain current recreational management measures (Table 1). No changes to current management measures in the northern region would be needed.

Option B. Chesapeake Bay Jurisdictions Modifications

Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions are defined as Maryland, the Potomac River Fisheries Commission (PRFC), and Virginia.

With increasing trends of sub-adult abundance and fishing mortality in the Chesapeake Bay sub-region, this option is intended to 1) preempt further increases in fishing mortality; 2) align management across Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions; and 3) simplify management enforcement.

All Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions would establish measures limiting recreational harvest to a Board specified bag limit of either 3, 2, or 1 fish per person per day and establish measures

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limiting recreational harvest to a board specified slot-size limit between 18" and 26" (e.g., 18"-26", 19"-26", 18"-25", or 19"-25").

Option C. North Carolina Slot Size Limit Modifications

Considering North Carolina's current regulation permits 1 fish per person per day from 18" to 27", any reductions to fishing mortality in the state would most easily be obtained through adjusting the slot-size limits. The below option would establish a reduced maximum size of 26" for the state with the option for the Board to further adjust either the minimum or maximum slot size at their discretion.

North Carolina would establish measures limiting recreational harvest to a Board-specified slot-size limit between 18" and 26" (e.g., 18"-26", 18"-25", or 19"-26", or 19"-25"). The bag limit in North Carolina will remain at 1 fish per person per day.

3.5 De Minimis Provisions

Option A. Status Quo

Amendment 2 does not provide specific guidelines for evaluating whether a state should be considered *de minimis* nor establishes a set of measures for *de minimis* states that would not need to change annually. Amendment 2 states a state may be granted *de minimis* status if the Board determines that action by the state would contribute insignificantly to the overall management program.

States may petition the Board at any time for *de minimis* status. Once *de minimis* status is granted, designated states must submit annual reports to the Board justifying the continuance of *de minimis* status. States must include *de minimis* requests as part of their annual compliance reports.

Option B. Update De Minimis Provisions

This option would update the *de minimis* provisions in Amendment 2 to align with the guidelines in the Commission's 2022 *De Minimis* Policy.

By definition, states that meet *de minimis* standards (see Sub-Options B1 and B2 below for definitions) would have a negligible effect on the conservation of a species, therefore, those states should not have to change regulations year-to-year to meet FMP requirements. This option would provide a process for establishing a set of measures for *de minimis* states which should provide a minimum level of protection and prevent regulatory loopholes. The Board would review the *de minimis* standard measures after each benchmark stock assessment to determine if they are still providing a minimal level of species conservation.

A state would be considered *de minimis* if the average total landings for the last three years is less than 1% of total landings from its respective management region. The PRT and/or the TC would recommend commercial (if applicable) and recreational measures for *de minimis* states. The Board would review the recommendation made by the PRT and/or TC and approve the *de*

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minimis measures. All *de minimis* states within a management region would implement their respective *de minimis* measures, unless more restrictive regulations are already in place. Other guidelines in Amendment 2, including that states must include *de minimis* requests as part of their annual compliance reports, would still apply under this sub-option.

4.0 Compliance

TBD upon approval of Addendum II.

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Appendix I

Table 2 below provides the results of the projections from the southern region's 2024 benchmark stock assessment model following the assessment. The information in this table is specific to the southern region and is provided to illustrate what the two management options

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in Section 3.3 would mean in terms of the actual necessary reduction in catch the southern region would achieve. Note this does not account for reductions already achieved by Florida regulation changes implemented immediately after the terminal year of the assessment, in September 2022.

Table 2. The percent reductions in catch the southern region would achieve to reduce the 2019-2021 average fishing mortality (F) levels from the end of the 2024 stock assessment for Section 3.3 Option A (Status Quo) and Option B (Establish Required Fishing Mortality Level of $F_{30\%}$). Catch is defined as total harvest plus dead discards.

Option		Projected Age-2 Fishing Mortality (F)	Catch Reduction Needed from 2019-2021 Average F Catch
Option A (Status Quo)	$F_{40\%}$	0.301	28.1%
Option B	$F_{30\%}$	0.396	14.4%
2019-2021 Average F		0.526	-

Appendix II

This appendix contains estimates of the reduction in recreational removals (harvest + dead discards) of red drum for Virginia and North Carolina only, based on a selection of example regulation changes. The example regulation changes provided in this appendix should only be used as a reference for how specific regulation changes may impact recreational removals in only North Carolina and Virginia. How changes to regulations in North Carolina and/or Virginia may impact recreational removals for the entire northern region will differ from the results in Tables 3 and 4 below.

Table 3. Estimates of the percent reduction in red drum removals in Virginia for several examples of changes to Virginia's recreational bag limit and/or slot limit. Current red drum regulations in Virginia are provided in the first row.

Bag limit	Slot Limit (TL)	Percent Reduction
3	18" – 26"	0% (Current Regulations)
3	18" – 25"	2.9%
3	19" – 26"	5.3%
3	19" – 25"	8.2%
2	18" – 26"	14.1%
1	18" – 26"	29.1%

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Table 4. Estimates of the percent reduction in red drum removals in North Carolina for several examples of changes to North Carolina's recreational slot limit. Current red drum regulations in North Carolina are provided in the first row.

Bag Limit	Slot Limit (TL)	Percent Reduction
1	18" – 27"	0% (Current Regulations)
1	18" – 26"	3.1%
1	18" – 25"	8.7%
1	19" – 27"	3.6%
1	19" – 26"	5.5%
1	19" – 25"	11.1%



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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Tracey Bauer, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator

DATE: October 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Public Comment Summary on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

The following pages represent a summary of all public comments received by ASMFC on Red Drum Draft Addendum II as of 11:59 PM (EST) on October 1, 2025 (closing deadline). Comment totals for the Draft Addendum are provided in the tables below, followed by summaries of the state public hearings, and written comments sent by organizations and individuals. A total of 382 written comments were received. This included 6 letters from organizations and 377 comments from individuals. Letters were received from the following organizations: American Saltwater Guides Association, One Hundred Miles, Release Over 20, and a joint letter between American Sportfishing Association and the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation. Seven public hearings were held. The total public attendance across the seven hearings was 187, although some individuals attended multiple public hearings. Thirty-four individuals provided comment at public hearings.

The following tables are provided to give the Board an overview of the support for each of the management options contained in Draft Addendum II. Comment totals by state for comments provided during public hearings were tallied based on the hearing attended. It should also be noted that some individuals provided comments at a public hearing and also submitted written comments, and these are counted separately in the tables below. Additional comments that did not indicate support for a particular option are included in the breakdown of total comments received. Prevailing themes from the public comments on Draft Addendum II, including rationales for support and general considerations, are summarized in the tables below.

Table 1. Number of written comments received by organizations and individuals, as well as the number of public attendees and commenters at each public hearing. Please note that some individuals attended multiple hearings and/or may have provided both written comment and public comment at a hearing. The public attendees counts do not include Commissioners/Proxies, state staff, or Commission staff.

Written Comments Received by Category		
Organization Letters		5
Individual Comments		377
Total Written Comments		382
Public Hearings		
Public Hearing	# of Public Attendees	# of Comments
Maryland/PRFC	2	2
Virginia	3	0
North Carolina	28	5
South Carolina	61	7
Georgia	60	6
Florida	4	0
General	29	14
Total	187	34
Total Comments Received		416

Table 2. Number of comments which stated support for each respective management option in Draft Addendum II. Number of comments are broken down by organization letters, individual comments, form letters, and comments provided at public hearings.

	Proposed Management Options										
Issue	3.1		3.2		3.3		3.4			3.5	
Option	3.1A	3.1B	3.2A	3.2B	3.3A	3.3B	3.4A	3.4B	3.4C	3.5A	3.5B
Organization Letters	0	4	2	2	5	1	0	2	1	0	3
Written Comments	0	42	38	5	206	1	*	39	37	0	41
Form Letters	0	57	57	0	61	0	0	57	57	0	57
Public Hearings	0	13	13	0	23	0	*	14	6	0	10
Total	0	116	110	7	295	2	*	112	101	0	111

*8 written comments and 5 comments at public hearings supported status quo for North Carolina regulations specifically.

Table 3. Number of written comments (individual and form letters) in support for each management option, as well as the number of comments that stated opposition to any management action or expressed general support for taking action (did not express support for any specific option), separated out by the state the comment identified they were from. “Other” includes states north of New Jersey.

	Proposed Management Options											Do not support any mgmt action	General support for taking mgmt action
Issue	3.1		3.2		3.3		3.4			3.5			
Option	3.1A	3.1B	3.2A	3.2B	3.3A	3.3B	3.4A	3.4B	3.4C	3.5A	3.5B		
NJ	0	3	3	0	3	0	0	3	3	0	3	-	-
MD	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	2	-	2
VA	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	-	3
NC	0	3	0	3	15	1	*	4	3	0	4	1	7
SC	0	18	16	2	104	0	0	16	15	0	17	-	33
GA	0	61	61	0	115	0	0	59	59	0	60	13	27
FL	0	3	3	0	13	0	0	3	3	0	3	-	-
Other	0	7	7	0	11	0	0	7	7	0	7	-	1
Unk	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	-	1
Total	0	99	94	5	268	1	0	96	94	0	98	14	74

*8 written comments and 5 comments at public hearings supported status quo for North Carolina regulations specifically.

Support for Option 3.1A. Status Quo

- No comments were received in favor of Option A.

Support for Option 3.1B. Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures

- Will modernize red drum management and allow states flexibility to select measures that account for local preferences
- Will allow for the use of the latest scientific and stock assessment data, as well as allow for liberalizing/increasing harvest if stock status improves
- Will avoid unnecessary delays, like the current one-year delay from the 2024 stock assessment results to implementing updated management

Support for Option 3.2A. Status Quo

- Any new assessment methods should undergo rigorous review through the current Commission process
- Need to ensure transparency and consistency is maintained among member states

Support for Option 3.2B. Establish process to adjust state management measures, allowing for Alternative Measures to Estimate Fishing Mortality

- The process outlined in Option B includes review by the TC and ASC, which would mirror the rigor of a formal peer review to ensure proposed alternative methods are technically sound
- Would improve timeliness and flexibility, should changes in the population warrant changes in size or bag limits

Support for Option 3.3A. Status Quo (States must implement an appropriate bag and size limit which will attain the target of 40% SPR or $F_{40\%}$)

- Going any lower is not supportable, 40% provides increased probability of conservation of red drum and acts as a precautionary buffer compared to $F_{30\%}$. Need to keep future abundance in mind for future generations and livelihoods that depend on red drum.
- Need to aggressively address problem of declining fish stocks instead of shifting goal posts, especially with increasing fishing pressure from increasing coastal population.
- Want red drum abundance to rebound as quickly as possible in southern region

Support for Option 3.3B. Establish Required Mortality Level of 30% SPR or $F_{30\%}$

- Managing to minimum $F_{30\%}$ is appropriate for this fishery. $F_{30\%}$ will still end overfishing, and the need to manage to 40% is punitive to the southern region
- Lack of stock-recruitment relationship, recruitment influenced more by environmental variables than SSB
- Problems can be addressed through angler advocacy and cooperative partnership with state management authorities

Support for Option 3.4A. Status Quo

- Commenters supported status quo for North Carolina specifically. They did not believe there's any issues with NC's red drum population or enough evidence to say changes need to be made. NC regs have been in place for a long time and are working. One commenter also advocated that further public input is needed in North Carolina before regulation changes can be made.

Support for Option 3.4B. Chesapeake Bay Jurisdictions Modifications

- Commenters expressed concern for recent trends in red drum abundance and fishing effort in the Chesapeake Bay area, and want to be proactive to preempt further increases in fishing mortality.
- Would align management across Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions and simplify management enforcement
- Support for anywhere between 2-3 fish bag limit and a majority of comments supported an 18-26" slot.

Support for Option 3.4C. North Carolina Slot Size Limit Modifications

- Would be proactive action to help protect the northern region's red drum stock
- Support for 19-25" slot, which achieves a 11% reduction

Support for Option 3.5A. Status Quo

- No comments were received in support of this option.

Support for Option 3.5B. Update De Minimis Provisions

- Will modernize red drum management
- Will give the Board the ability to adjust regulations when needed for *de minimis* states if the stock continues to shift northward

Other Comments Received

- We need to prohibit or limit the targeting of mature spawning red drum and/or close known breeding areas in the fall.

- Multiple comments shared their observations that red drum are currently more abundant now in Georgia than they were in previous years. They do not think red drum are overfished. These comments stated there is actually an overabundance of red drum, which has been a nuisance. The 5-fish limit in Georgia should not be changed.
- There is too much uncertainty in the 2024 assessment, and it does not take into account important local factors, such as shrimp with black gill disease (leading to an overabundance of food for red drum) and an overabundance of dolphin and sharks, as predators of red drum.
- Disagreement with regulations that allow the public to keep fish smaller than ~20 inches. People will keep less fish if they can take home bigger fish.
- Multiple comments expressed a recommendation to implement a moratorium (catch-and-release only) for red drum for at least a year, five years, or the foreseeable future.
- The 5-fish bag limits in both Georgia and PRFC need to be lowered; it is excessive and unsustainable.
- Factors such as habitat protection and restoration, enforcement of regulations, and monitoring of discard mortality are all also important to protecting red drum. Several comments also stated we should be focused on these issues, especially habitat restoration, instead of implementing changes to regulations.
- There needs to be more research into the mortality rates of red drum due to improper tackle, such as through the use of non-offset circle hooks and J hooks.
- Changes to size and catch limits will not significantly reduce the public's enjoyment of red drum fishing, because the popularity of catch-and-release fishing.
- Multiple comments stressed their general concern about the state of the red drum stock and urgency to take management action before it's too late.
- We need to encourage the fishing community to submit their observations to bridge the gap between data and lived experience.
- Multiple comments stressed the financial importance of red drum to their respective communities.
- Regulation changes should also be made for the red drum commercial fishery.
- ASMFC should look at Bayesian models or hierarchical models that are flexible enough to leverage localized data and data at irregular intervals.
- States should look at additional regulations related to red drum fishing guide services, because of the frequency of their trips targeting red drum.
- Concern that once regulations are restricted, the restrictions will never be lifted.

Public Hearings for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Florida Public Hearing (Webinar)

September 15, 2025

4 Public Attendees

Commissioners/Proxies: Erika Burgess (FL), Gary Jennings (FL)

ASMFC & State Staff: Tracey Bauer (ASMFC), Madeline Musante (ASMFC), Dawn Franco (GA), Erin Pereire (FL), Andrea Murray (FL), Delaine Hildreth (GA)

Public Comment Summary

No questions or comments were provided.

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Virginia Public Hearing (Hybrid)

September 17, 2025

3 Public Attendees

Commissioners/Proxies: Joe Grist (VA), Chris Batsavage (NC), Carrie Kennedy (MD)

ASMFC & State Staff: Tracey Bauer (ASMFC), Tina Berger (ASMFC), Ethan Simpson (VA)

Public Comment Summary

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Maryland Public Hearing (Hybrid)

September 18, 2025

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ASMFC & State Staff: Tracey Bauer (ASMFC), James Boyle (ASMFC), Matt Jargowsky (MD), Harry Rickabaugh (MD)

Public Hearing Overview

- 2 members of the public, representing the Coastal Conservation Association in Maryland and the American Saltwater Guides Association respectively provided public comment
- Both comments supported 3.4 Option B, with the CCA advocating for a 3 fish bag limit for Virginia, Maryland and the PRFC, and ASGA advocating for a 2 fish bag limit.
- 1 comment also supported 3.1 Option B, 3.2 Option A, and 3.3 Option A.

Public Comment Summary

Jesse Howe, MD, Coastal Conservation Association

- Supports a 3 fish bag limit for Virginia, Maryland, and the PRFC in Section 3.4, Northern Region Management Options.

Tony Friedrich, MD, American Saltwater Guides Association

- Supports 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.3 Option A; 3.4 Option B (2 fish bag limit and 18-26 inch slot)
- Red drum are an iconic species, and we're incredibly fortunate that they're moving northward in the bay. 2024 benchmark assessment was a wake-up call for northern stock, with a flashing yellow in the Traffic Light Analysis. Effort is shifting to red drum in Chesapeake Bay, with all of the other declining species. State regulations in the northern region are far too broad.
- "Access" in the document should be replaced by harvest. Increased access should be defined as more fish in the water so you attract more tourism dollars.
- We don't have a great history of conserving stocks in Chesapeake Bay. And you cannot predict mother nature. Virginia had a massive cold kill of red drum recently, with preliminary MRIP data down ~50% from last year. With a 2 fish bag limit, Maryland would get a bump of one more fish, everyone else would go to two. This balances access with protection and safeguards red drum for future generations.
- Managers need to take proactive steps now to prevent bigger problems later, so we don't end up like striped bass. Urges everyone to adopt these conservation options.

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General Public Hearing (Virtual)

September 22, 2025

29 Public Attendees

Commissioners/Proxies: Chris Batsavage (NC), Erika Burgess (FL), Joe Cimino (NJ)

ASMFC & State Staff: Tracey Bauer (ASMFC), Toni Kerns (ASMFC), Heather Corbett (NJ), Dawn Franco (GA), Marina Owens (FL), Erin Pereira (FL), Kris Reynolds (SC), Matthew Bunting (FL)

Public Hearing Overview

- 14 members of the public provided comment, including 1 non-profit organization (One Hundred Miles).
- 5 members of the public were from Virginia or fish in Chesapeake Bay. All 5 expressed concern with declining red drum abundance in Chesapeake Bay, and comments stressed the importance of improving the sustainability of the Chesapeake Bay red drum fishery in the future by being proactive with management. 4 of these 5 comments also expressed concern specifically with the 5 fish bag limit in PRFC, and agreed it was too high.
- 6 members of the public from Georgia expressed support for making changes to red drum management, and several commenters noted noticing a decline in red drum population in Georgia.
- 11 comments supported 3.1 Option B and 3.2 Option A; 12 comments supported 3.3 Option A; 12 comments supported 3.4 Option B; 3 comments supported 3.4 Option C; 9 comments supported 3.5 Option B.
- 1 comment opposed 3.4 Option C, opposing any changes to North Carolina regulations

Public Comment Summary

Adam Johnson, GA, fishing guide

- Supports 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.3 Option A; 3.4 Option B and Option C; 3.5 Option B.

Blane Chocklett, VA, fishing guide

- Supports 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.3 Option A; 3.4 Option B; 3.5 Option B.
- The current 5 fish limit in PRFC is not a good idea as the fish are travelling; PRFC's bag limit needs to be brought down to 2-3 fish.
- Has been seeing Chesapeake Bay fisheries in decline. Grew up around Chesapeake Bay. Has observed declines in abundance of striped bass and cobia. He hosts trips to bring clients to fisheries. He had observed thousands of slot-sized red drum; however, there was a cold kill last winter and he sees less this year, which is causing concern.
- Agrees with what the Draft Addendum says about making proactive changes to regulations to have sustainable fishing.
- The fishery needs to be made sustainable for the future, as he relies on slot size limit red drum for a living.

Grant Alvis, VA, recreational angler

- Supports 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.3 Option A; 3.4 Option B; 3.5 Option B.
- The 5 fish bag limit for PRFC needs to be lowered, because these fish travel throughout Chesapeake Bay.
- Has observed much less slot size red drum lately. Commercial fishing, habitat loss, and last year's cold kill have all hurt the red drum population. The loss of other species in the Chesapeake Bay has put extra fishing pressure on red drum.

Jay Thaw, GA, recreational angler

- Supports 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.3 Option A; 3.4 Option B and Option C; 3.5 Option B.
- There's been a large slot and bag limit in Georgia for a long time, which has impacted Georgia's red drum population. The population is suffering and we need changes.

Nicholas Li, Chesapeake tidewater area

- Supports 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.3 Option A; 3.4 Option B; 3.5 Option B. Agrees the 5 fish bag limit for PRFC needs to be lowered, because these same fish travel throughout Chesapeake Bay.
- Expressed agreement with previous comments. The Chesapeake Bay red drum were hit hard this winter with lots of dead slot size red drum.
- Supports being proactive, especially as there have been declines in every other fish species. Anglers are putting more pressure on red drum.

Simon Valencia, Chesapeake Bay, fishing guide

- Supports 3.4 Option B to regulate the Chesapeake Bay states' size and bag limit. Charter boats with multiple fishermen have been harvesting a lot of red drum. The red drum that are in PRFC's brackish, fresher waters are smaller fish, which we need to care for. Favors a reduction in number of keeper fish per day per angler.
- Expressed agreement with and support for previous comments.
- Has been seeing sobering things. He's been fishing in the shallows but has only landed a few slot size red drum. Everything he's seen has been mostly over slot size, which differs from previous years. A lot of cobia charters have switched to red drum. The commercial fishery is also putting pressure on Chesapeake Bay red drum. He's seen gill nets with over slot-size red drum.

Susan Inman, GA, One Hundred Miles

- Supports 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.3 Option A. We need to change Georgia red drum regulations.
- Speaks for 1,100 monthly members and Board members.

Nick Jones, retired fishing guide

- Supports 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.3 Option A; 3.4 Option B; 3.5 Option B.
- Supports prioritizing precautionary management.

Troy Anderson, GA, recreational angler

- Supports 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.3 Option A; 3.4 Option B and Option C; 3.5 Option B.
- In Georgia specifically, thinks a 5 fish limit is too high, should be 2 or 3 fish per person per day. An 18-inch redfish could feed a family of 4.
- Has noticed decline in the Georgia red drum abundance, due to increasing population, leading to more people fishing, and social media. This will likely be a continuing issue. At what point do we do something?

Scott Owens, GA, fishing guide

- Supports 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.3 Option A; 3.4 Option B
- Doesn't understand or agree with lowering the goal SPR to 30%.
- This is an obvious, overlooked problem in Georgia, we've been waiting too long. Redfish bring revenue from clients around the world. Sustainability of redfish is critical to this.
- Has fished from North Carolina to Texas for redfish, and saw the redfish population go bust in Mosquito Lagoon, FL. Georgia previously had a robust fishery. Georgia has one of the highest creel limits in the country, and needs to be lowered to 2-3 fish per person per day. Georgia needs to adjust its slot to mirror the surrounding states.

Chris Newsome, Chesapeake Bay, charter fisherman

- Supports 3.3 Option A, and is concerned about the motivation to lower the SPR goal to 30%. Feels like a way to allow people to catch and kill red drum at the current rate. There should be an option to increase the SPR goal to 50%.
- Supports 3.4 Option B. Supports an alignment of regulations in Chesapeake Bay to allow for more uniform management.

- Supports proactive management and eyes on the future for red drum. If we act proactively, it's possible red drum won't turn out like striped bass. The earlier we start to head off the problem, the better.
- It's been depressing to see every species in Chesapeake Bay in decline. Noted there have been lots of comments from Virginia tonight.
- Lack of cold winter kills had led to more red drum in the Chesapeake Bay in recent years, until the recent one, which was bad. There's no guarantee there won't be any more in the future.
- Has been in the charter business for 25 years, but sees the writing on the wall and will be going out of business. This past season, he's been 100% catch and release because it's more responsible. Need for certainty in the for-hire business.
- Supportive of more accurate data in the northern region to improve the stock assessment process and management.

Alan Webb, GA, recreational angler

- Supports 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.3 Option A; 3.4 Option B (2 fish); 3.5 Option B.
- Agrees with previous comments.
- All he's seen in Georgia thus far is inaction in relation to red drum, managers need to make changes to red drum management.

Michael Garcia, GA, fishing guide

- Supports 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.3 Option A; 3.4 Option B (2 fish, 18-26 inch slot); 3.5 Option B
- Seen a declining red drum fishery in Georgia. Would like to see managers be proactive, doesn't want to take a step back. Wants to see massive schools of red drum again.
- Wants to see bag limits brought down. Georgia's 5 fish bag limit is excessive. He does want to take home red drum, but 5 fish is too much.
- The minimum size for red drum in Georgia is too low. 14-inch fish are being filleted, and never get out to the open ocean.

Bernie McCants, NC, recreational angler

- Supports status quo for North Carolina regs.
- NC's 1 fish bag limit has been in place for 17 years. Not aware of any data that suggests we are close to the spawning potential ratio. NC regs are doing well.
- The suggestion that harvest has increased is maybe not a bad thing, may be a sign of increased abundance.

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South Carolina Public Hearing (Hybrid, Virtual Listen-only)

September 23, 2025

61 Public Attendees

Commissioners/Proxies: Ben Dyar (SC), Malcom Rhodes (SC), Mel Bell (SC), Blaik Keppler (SC), Chris Batsavage (NC)

ASMFC & State Staff: Tracey Bauer, C.J. Schlick (SC), Joey Ballenger (SC), Tanya Darden (SC), Julie Binz (SC), Matt Davin (SC), Jared Flowers (GA), Elizabeth Gooding (SC), Corey Hilton (SC), Kris Reynolds (SC), Chris McDonough (SC)

Public Hearing Overview

- 7 members of the public provided public comment at the hearing, which included individuals representing two organizations, the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League and Release Over 20.
- 1 member of the public expressed general support for South Carolina taking management action on red drum.
- 6 comments expressed support for 3.3 Option A, with 1 of those comments also supporting 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.4 Option B and Option C; and 3.5 Option B.
- Overall, comments were in support of more restrictive regulations, and there was concern that moving forward with 3.3 Option B (30% SPR or F30%) would not be in the best interest of red drum conservation and future red drum abundance.

Public Comment Summary

Robert Boyles (South Carolina Coastal Conservation League)

- Thank you for creating a document that provides flexibility to deal with local issues. This is very important for an iconic species in South Carolina. Thank you to SCDNR for your efforts in collecting data. This is an opportunity for South Carolina to shine.

Tuck Scott, SC

- Supports 3.3 Option A.
- In order to conserve red drum, we should not lower SPR from 40% to 30%. It's not supportable and a lazy way to do conservation by lowering our standards.

David Fladd, SC, Releaseover20.org

- Supports 3.3 Option A, keeping status quo management of 40% SPR.
- We generally want more states to be more restrictive for managing abundance in the future. Red drum abundance is trending down and we want to see that trend reversed. Our followers are in agreement.

Scott Davis, retired fishing guide

- Supports 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.3 Option A; 3.4 Option B and Option C; 3.5 Option B.

Clark DeCiantis, SC, recreational angler

- Supports 3.3 Option A.
- Agree with the other comments. It makes very little sense to reduce the mortality level to F30%. Would like to see the Atlantic states stay at F40%, for the increased conservation it provides.

Justin Ravenel, SC, fishing guide

- Supports 3.3 Option A
- Redfish can use all the help they can get. Doesn't understand how reducing SPR from 40 to 30% would help. We need to keep future abundance in mind. Lowering SPR to 30% isn't going to get us there.

Jason Dammer, SC

- Supports 3.3 Option A, 40% SPR.

ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING ATTENDEE SIGN

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Georgia Public Hearing (In-Person)

September 24, 2025

60 Public Attendees

Commissioners/Proxies: Doug Haymans (GA), Spud Woodward (GA)

ASMFC & State Staff: Tracey Bauer (ASMFC), Jared Flowers (GA), Dawn Franco (GA), Kathy Knowlton (GA), Carolyn Belcher (GA), Ryan Harrell (GA), C.J. Schlick (SC)

Public Hearing Overview

- 6 members of the public provided comment at the hearing on issues in the Draft Addendum.
- Of those six comments, 2 comments expressed disbelief with the results of the 2024 benchmark assessment, and were against any proposed changes to red drum regulations.
- 4 comments expressed support for 3.3 Option A, and 3 of those comments also expressed support for 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.4 Option B with 2 fish/day 18-26" in the Chesapeake and Option C for North Carolina; and 3.5 Option B.
- Questions at this hearing focused on clarifying several points of the addendum:
 - the differences between spawning potential ratio and the percent reduction in catch that would be needed by the southern region;
 - what the addendum means by increased or decreased access to red drum; and
 - why the Sciaenids Management Board may want to lower the SPR states need to set regulations to not exceed from 40% to 30%.

Public Comment Summary

Kevin Dezern, GA, charter fisherman

- Doesn't support 3.3 Option B. Only going with a 30% SPR is difficult to understand with increasing fishing pressure.

Bill Mercer, GA, recreational angler

- Doesn't believe the statistics in the addendum, they mean nothing. Instead, we need a direct creel count. Also, it feels like the results of this action has already been decided.
- We shouldn't be keeping the adult, mature red drum.

David Newlin, GA, charter fisherman

- Expressed concern that more restrictive regulations will put him out of business. Sees a lot of red drum.

Jay Thaw, GA

- Supports 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.3 Option A; 3.4 Option B with 2 fish/day 18-26" in the Chesapeake and Option C for North Carolina; 3.5 Option B.
- Been fishing in Georgia his whole life and has observed a reduction in red drum abundance

Jared DeVincent, GA, fly shop owner

- Supports 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.3 Option A; 3.4 Option B with 2 fish/day 18-26" in the Chesapeake and Option C for North Carolina; 3.5 Option B.

- If we move SPR goal to 30%, are we really putting the fishery in the best position to sustain itself?
- Improved technology is making anglers more effective on the water. There are also more people fishing than ever before, and the population continues to increase. Georgia hasn't changed regulations in 30 years, but the population continues to grow. Time has been wasted, as it's been 4 years since changes to Georgia red drum regulations were last discussed. I'm in favor of aiming for F40% so we can catch up.

Josh Rose, GA, charter fisherman

- Supports 3.1 Option B; 3.2 Option A; 3.3 Option A; 3.4 Option B with 2 fish/day 18-26" in the Chesapeake and Option C for North Carolina; 3.5 Option B.

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North Carolina Public Hearing (Hybrid)

September 25, 2025

28 Public Attendees

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ASMFC & State Staff: Tracey Bauer (ASMFC), Madeline Musante (ASMFC), Kurt Blanchard (ASMFC), Holly White (NC) Kris Reynolds (NC), Jason Walsh (NC), Travis Williams (NC), Willow Patten (NC), Jeff Dobbs (NC), Mackenzie Freeman (NC), Cara Kowalchuk (NC), Tina Moore (NC), Brandi Salmon (NC), Dan Zapf (NC), Kevin Aman (NC), Carter Witten (NC), Jacqui Degan (NC), Joe Guthrie (NC), Charles Bangley (NC)

Public Hearing Overview

- 5 members of the public provided public comment at the hearing, with two individuals representing organizations, the Cape Lookout Albacore Foundation and the Coastal Conservation Association in North Carolina.
- 2 comments expressed support specifically for 3.3 Option B, both expressing concern with the impact lowering the SPR would have on the red drum stocks.
- 4 comments expressed opposition to any changes to North Carolina regulations, as they do not believe they are necessary at this time, and so did not support 3.4 Option C.
- 1 comment expressed support for regulation changes in northern region states other than North Carolina.
- Several questions were raised at this hearing, including:
 - wanting to understand the reasoning behind including F30% as an option in Issue 3.3;
 - whether the Board could select 3.4 Option B while remaining status quo for North Carolina (by not selecting Option C);
 - the status of the spawning potential ratios for the northern red drum stock;
 - whether work would continue on the northern stock's Stock Synthesis model, to try to get it to converge, and how well managers would be able to assess the northern stock in the meantime; and
 - whether the 2024 benchmark stock assessment considered a potential boundary between the northern and southern stocks at Cape Lookout.

Public Comment Summary

Steven Brewster, NC

- Supports 3.3 Option A. Would hate to see us lower the bar.
- Doesn't support any changes to NC regulations until we're more certain there's a problem.
- Believes management is probably going to need to look at something like tags for red drum.
- We can't guarantee outcomes, but we can guarantee opportunity.

Stewart Creighton, NC, Coastal Conservation Association

- Current NC recreational and commercial red drum regulations are working well, and have done a good job keeping the red drum population healthy. Doesn't believe changes to recreational regulations are necessary in NC.
- Supports changes to red drum regulations in the rest of the northern region, thinks they should mirror NC's red drum regulations.
- Supports 3.3 Option A.

Anna Beckwith, NC, fishing guide

- Doesn't support any changes to NC regulations. NC red drum regulations have been in place for a long time. A drop in the maximum size is not helpful.

Lawrence Richards Jr, NC, recreational angler

- Doesn't support any changes to NC regulations.
- NC regulations keep getting more restrictive, which is taking food off our tables. Doesn't know what the purpose of any changes would be. He hasn't been catching anything recently due to conditions. Changing the maximum size limit by one inch is ridiculous. There's such a small window of red drum to keep already.

Greg Barnes, NC, Cape Lookout Albacore Foundation

- Supports 3.3 Option A. Lowering the goalposts with SPR isn't going to solve any problems.

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RED DRUM DRAFT ADDENDUM II PUBLIC HEARING ATTENDEE SIGN IN

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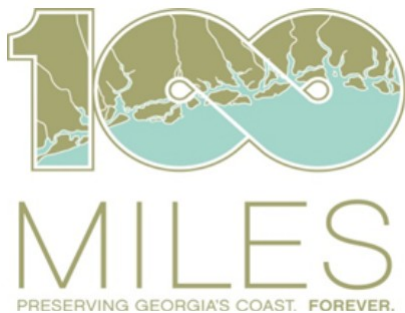
Good morning,

Please accept the attached comments for the ***Red Drum Draft Addendum II to Amendment 2 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Red Drum for Public Comment***. We have also included 2 appendices that are attached to this email.

Thank you for your dedication to the Atlantic fisheries. Feel free to reach out if there are any questions or concerns. My contact information is below.

Best,
Susan

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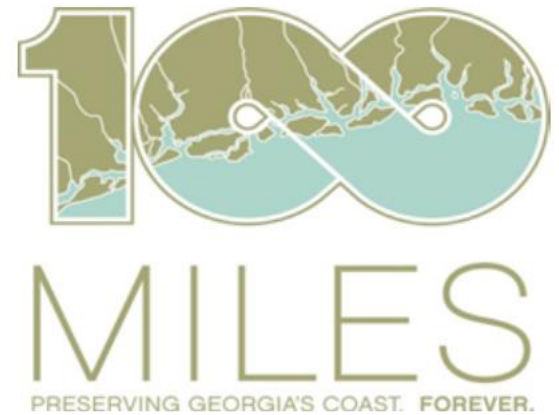
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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

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RE: Red Drum Draft Addendum II to Amendment 2 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Red Drum for Public Comment.

Dear Ms. Bauer,

Please accept this comment letter on behalf of the 1500 members and Board of Directors of One Hundred Miles, Inc., a Georgia non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and preserving Georgia's 100-mile coast through education, advocacy, and community engagement. One Hundred Miles (OHM) has followed this process for many years, and we support the comments and feedback submitted by the Georgia Saltwater Anglers Association.

The 2024 Red Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment indicates the Southern Stock of Red Drum is being overfished and experiencing overfishing (South Carolina through the east coast of Florida). Despite this data, the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission is failing to act. Immediate steps should be taken to reduce fishing mortality below the F40% target while developing long-term measures to rebuild the population. Waiting years for change only amplifies the problem for the wild population and the fishing community.

Option 3.1

We support **Option B**: Establishing a process to allow states to propose management changes using methods beyond Vaughan and Carmichael (2001). This approach avoids unnecessary delays like the years-long delay we are currently experiencing – more than a year since the 2024 assessment was accepted and still with no bag or size limit changes.

Option 3.2

We support **Option A**: Ensuring that alternative assessments are only considered within the benchmark assessment process, maintaining transparency and consistency among regional partners. External groups are still allowed to present an alternative assessment at the workshop with proper notification to the Commission.

Option 3.3

We support **Option A**: Requiring states to implement bag and size limits to achieve the 40% spawning potential rate (SPR) or F40% targets. Lowering the SPR target from 40% to 30% is like asking the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to relax pollution limits for an industry after it has already exceeded its maximum discharge, simply to avoid being in violation. For Georgia,

this means reducing bag, trip, and/or size limits to prevent unsustainable harvest levels while still allowing ample fishing opportunities.

GA CRD presented a lower regulation change in 2022: a 3-bag limit, a 9-vessel limit, and no captain's take. See Appendix A and B for the letters of support...

In conclusion, the Red Drum southern stock cannot wait. The SPR should stay at 40% and not lower the bar. The science is clear: South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida must act now to prevent further decline for an already overfished population.

If you should have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me at 321-331-0912. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Susan Inman

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Appendix A: Redfish comments to Commissioner Williams PDF

Appendix B: Hank Paulson- statement on redfish decline- final PDF

Statement by Henry M. Paulson Jr. on Alarming Decline of Redfish in South Georgia

Henry M. Paulson Jr. | 74th Secretary of the US Treasury

IT'S BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY WITH OUR REDFISH

The south Georgia wild redfish population is imperiled. I applaud the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) proposed change to the bag limit as a critically important step in the right direction, but I don't believe it goes far enough given the alarming decline in the redfish population that we have witnessed. Our family operates an inn and a coastal conservation center at Little St. Simons Island (LSSI), which we have preserved through a restrictive conservation easement. As an avid saltwater fisherman, I have been fishing the tidal creeks for 40 years, as have lodge guests, many of whom are attracted to the coast for the fishing. The waters around Little St. Simons are essential habitat for the redfish spawning stock.

In 2020, we noticed a sharp decline in redfish. It became dramatic in 2021, and even more pronounced so far in 2022. My conversations with several local guides, many local anglers, and the staff at the Hampton Marina on St. Simons Island all indicate that they are seeing the same dramatic decline in redfish. There is great concern and frustration that one or two boats, with a bag limit of five per angler, and for the captain also, are decimating schools of a hundred redfish in a day or two. The number of fisherman and fishing boats in the Hampton River has increased significantly in recent years, but the red fish bag limit has remained constant.

We at LSSI are admirers of DNR, and greatly appreciate the collaborative work we do on various conservation initiatives, including shorebirds, living shorelines, and nesting sea turtles. We know and appreciate the fact that DNR is vitally important to protecting the extraordinary south Georgia ecosystem, which is a magnet for tourism.

I recognize that redfish are a regional resource and are managed collaboratively through the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Given that the bag limit in northern Florida and in South Carolina is two per angler per day, compared to our five, this disparity places additional pressures on the redfish stocks on Georgia's coast, and confounds effective enforcement. I would urge conformity as the region seeks to respond effectively to the rapidly changing dynamics in this extremely important fishery.

Over many years, I've watched fresh and salt water fisheries in various parts of the world decline and sometimes even be destroyed through mismanagement. Wild fish populations can be very difficult to restore once they fall below the tipping point. A proper weighing of the risks means we should err on the side of caution when the preservation of such a valuable natural resource is at stake. I urge DNR to at least set a bag limit of no more than 2 redfish per day so that we are consistent partners in our regional fishery, and to move the minimum size from 14 to 16 inches. There is no meat on a 14 inch redfish! And, because our fishery is in much worse shape than either northern Florida or South Carolina, I believe a strong case can be made to impose a zero-bag limit on redfish until there are signs of recovery. Another idea would be combining a lower individual limit with a vessel limit, so a charter guide has a minimum bag limit per day, no matter how many guests. Also, why not introduce a redfish season?

I understand and empathize with those who like to eat the fish they catch. But in south Georgia, it isn't difficult to supplement the redfish catch with plenty of other fish, like trout or sheepshead.

Our redfish population is experiencing a five alarm fire. Let's not respond with one fire truck. It's better to be safe than sorry.

Dear Commissioner Williams:

We as Georgians, can responsibly protect this fish species while continuing to reap the benefit of the positive economic impact.

Thank you and the Department of Natural Resources Board for considering changes to the regulations governing fishing for redfish on the Georgia Coast.

Sincerely,

Chris Peterson
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Dear Commissioner Williams:

Thank you for your service to Georgia. We need your help in protecting recreational fishing and the iconic Red Drum species along Georgia's coast. Please support better redfish bag and boat limits.

Currently, Georgia allows the smallest redfish to be harvested in the Southeast and has the largest bag limit (5 per person and no boat limit)---nearly twice the limits of neighboring states. Considering SC and Northeast FL have a bag limit of 2-3 per person, a vessel limit of 6-8 redfish, and larger slot size. it's time Georgia change our regulations to align with our regional partners' and turn the declining population trend around before it's too late.

GA DNR data shows the redfish population is declining. I understand that this fish population is cyclic, which is why we need to manage for the next low and not the high point of their cycle. DNR needs to adjust our 20-year old, outdated redfish regulations to correlate with the extreme increase of anglers.

It is my belief that, as Georgians, we can responsibly protect this fish species while continuing to reap the benefit of the positive economic impact. Greater steps need to be taken to responsibly manage our natural resources. Sustaining the redfish population will require Georgia take action before the pressure of increased fishing numbers drives this population too low for a natural recovery.

I am asking you to recommend CRD propose a 2-3 fish bag limit, apply a boat limit of 6-8, and a larger slot size to the GA DNR Board at the August 23rd meeting. This step is necessary to protect present and future generations of Redfish so that generations of Anglers can enjoy this pastime as much as I do.

Sincerely,

Alice Keyes
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Dear Commissioner Williams:

Thank you and the Department of Natural Resources Board for considering changes to the regulations governing fishing for redfish on the Georgia Coast.

Currently, Georgia's bag limit for redfish (5 per person and no boat limit) is nearly twice the limits of neighboring states and we allow the smallest redfish to be harvested in the Southeast (minimum slot size of 14 inches). South Carolina and Northeast Florida have a bag limit of 1-2 per person, a vessel limit of 6-8 redfish, and larger slot size.

I am told, GA DNR data shows the redfish recruitment is on a downward trend. It is time us to adjust our 20-year old, outdated redfish regulations to preserve anglers experience and not harm redfish populations.

Our surrounding states are allowing fish to grow larger and mature before being harvested. Georgia DNR should be collecting the data needed to adjust the slot size of redfish to match those in surrounding states. At a minimum I would like to see a minimum slot size of 16 inches.

With a steady increase in private boat angler trips and the intense popularity of coastal outdoor activities, Georgia must do more to protect the redfish and the angler experience.

I support the proposed changes to the redfish regulations - changing to 3 fish per person, 9 fish vessel limit, and no captain's harvest. I also ask that you consider changing the slot size to give the fish a better fighting chance.

We as Georgians, can responsibly protect this fish species while continuing to reap the benefit of the positive economic impact.

9/29/2022--Let's be pro-active now to save and protect the wonderful treasure that is our Georgia coastal habitat from over development, over harvesting, neglect, speeding boats, litter, and so much more.

Sincerely,

Donnie Powell
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Dear Commissioner Williams:

We need your help in protecting recreational fishing and the iconic redfish species along Georgia's coast. Please ask DNR to put redfish bag and boat limits in place. 2 fish per person with a boat limit of 6 per vessel. South Carolina and Florida have thriving redfish stocks and a health revenue stream from anglers looking to fish these states from all over the world.

Currently, Georgia allows the smallest redfish to be harvested in the Southeast and has the largest bag limit (5 per person and no boat limit)--nearly twice the limits of neighboring states. (*NEW Regulations Florida 1 per person and SC 2 per person) Why? Especially when our regional partners in SC and Northeast FL have a bag limit of 1-2 per person, a vessel limit of 4-6 redfish, and larger slot size. It's time Georgia change our regulations to align with our regional partners' and turn the declining population trend around before it's too late.

Coastal Georgia's #1 business is tourism. Even during the times of high gas prices, people are coming to the coast to enjoy our natural resources: the beaches and our waterways. In fact, outdoor activities are up all over the USA. Fishing is currently the 3rd most popular outdoor activity in the country with an 18% participation rate. In the Golden Isles, fishing has increased 550% since 1991 in fishing license, fishing guides, and boat registration.

I have been fishing on the coast of GA long enough to know that our natural resources are like nothing else along the east coast. One of the salt water fishes that I love to target is the red drum, commonly referred to as the redfish or spot-tail bass. But I have been seeing less and catching less in our waters. Is this because the population is low or are they being over fished? GA DNR data shows the redfish population is declining. I understand that this fish population is cyclic, which is why we need to manage for the next low and not the high point of their cycle. DNR needs to adjust our 20-year old, outdated redfish regulations to correlate with the extreme increase of anglers.

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Tracey Bauer

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To: Comments
Cc: Chris Horton
Subject: [External] Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Attachments: ASA-CSF Ltr re Red Drum Addendum II 10.2025.pdf

Good evening,

Please find attached a joint letter by the American Sportfishing Association and the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation on Draft Addendum II for Red Drum. Thank you for considering our input on this action.

Regards,
MW



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American Sportfishing Association
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October 1, 2025

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Dear Ms. Bauer,

On behalf of the American Sportfishing Association (ASA) and the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF), we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on Draft Addendum II to Amendment 2 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Red Drum. Our organizations represent the recreational fishing industry and the broader sportsmen's community, both of which generate billions of dollars in economic activity and conservation funding along the Atlantic Coast. Healthy, accessible red drum fisheries are essential to sustaining both conservation outcomes and angler participation.

Draft Addendum II presents important opportunities to modernize red drum management by incorporating updated science and ensuring that management remains adaptive and credible. We strongly support the Commission's efforts to refine the management framework and offer the following comments on specific sections.

3.1 Alternative State Management Regimes

We support Option B, which would establish a new process to allow states to propose changes to their red drum management measures that are more appropriate for individual states and more responsive to changes in red drum population dynamics. Providing states with the ability to develop management strategies with input from the public while meeting conservation goals promotes trust in the ASMFC fishery management process and compliance among anglers.

3.2 Allow Alternative Methods to Estimate Fishing Mortality for Use in Management

We support Option B because it creates a structured, science-based pathway for states to propose alternative methods of estimating fishing mortality outside of benchmark assessments. The process outlined in Draft Addendum II includes rigorous review by the Technical Committee (TC) and, where appropriate, the Assessment Science Committee (ASC). This dual-level review

mirrors the rigor of a formal peer review, ensuring that any alternative methods are credible, transparent, and technically sound.

This approach is especially valuable given the limited resources available for full benchmark stock assessments. By enabling states to advance scientifically reviewed analyses between benchmarks, Option B provides timely flexibility while maintaining high scientific standards.

Option B therefore achieves two critical objectives: it safeguards scientific credibility while also improving timeliness and flexibility in red drum management. This balanced approach better serves both conservation and the recreational fishing community by allowing adaptive decision-making without sacrificing rigor.

3.3 Management Program

We support Option B, which would set management measures that achieve a minimum threshold of 30% SPR and reduce fishing mortality to less than $F_{30\%}$, thus ending overfishing as estimated by the 2024 red drum stock assessment. The need to manage to an $F_{40\%}$ is questionable and would be unnecessarily punitive to the Southern Region states. Like with most fisheries, the stock assessment indicated that there is no stock-recruit relationship with red drum. Recruitment is influenced far more by environmental variables than the size of the spawning stock biomass. Even with the estimated escapement rate at a level below 30% SPR ($F_{30\%}$), recent indices of recruitment and juvenile and sub-adult abundance are on a positive trajectory. Red drum are a vital recreational species, and any real problems with population abundance will be addressed through angler advocacy and their cooperative partnership with state management authorities. Managing to a minimum escapement rate of $F_{30\%}$ is appropriate for this fishery.

3.4 Northern Region Management Options

We do not support prescriptive measures that impose bag and slot limits on the Chesapeake Bay and North Carolina without flexibility.

If Option B in Section 3.1 is adopted, these jurisdictions should have the same latitude to develop state-specific management strategies as other states. That said, we recognize the benefits of coordination among Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions to reduce angler confusion and improve enforcement, and we encourage those authorities to pursue consistent regulations voluntarily. As a starting point for discussion, we recommend a bay-wide 3 fish bag limit and 18"-26" slot limit.

The priority in the northern region should be consistency and clarity where meaningful, but without unnecessary or punitive restrictions that provide little conservation benefit.

3.5 De Minimis Provisions

We support Option B, which updates de minimis provisions to align with the Commission's 2022 policy. States contributing less than 1% of regional harvest should not be burdened with

marginal regulatory changes that provide little conservation benefit. This approach focuses resources where they matter most, prevents loopholes, and provides regulatory stability.

In summary, we strongly support Draft Addendum II as an opportunity to modernize red drum management by providing adaptive, credible, and equitable tools that protect the resource while sustaining the recreational fishing economy. We appreciate the Commission's work on this important issue and look forward to continued engagement as the process advances.

Sincerely,

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Michael Waite
Atlantic Fisheries Policy Director
American Sportfishing Association

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Tracey Bauer

From: Tony Friedrich <tony@saltwaterguidesassociation.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 1:35 PM
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Subject: [External] [New] Redfish Letter
Attachments: RedDrum25_AddendumII_ASGALetter.pdf

Tracey/Toni,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please accept our letter regarding redfish.

Tony

Tony Friedrich
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October 01, 2025

Tracey Bauer - FMP Coordinator
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RE: ASGA Comments for Draft Addendum II to Amendment 2 to the Red Drum Fisheries Management Plan

Dear Ms. Bauer and Red Drum Board Members,

The American Saltwater Guides Association (ASGA) represents conservation-minded fishing guides, private anglers, and fishing businesses who advocate for "Better Business through Conservation." Our Association appreciates the opportunity to comment on Draft Addendum II to Amendment 2 to the Red Drum Fisheries Management Plan.

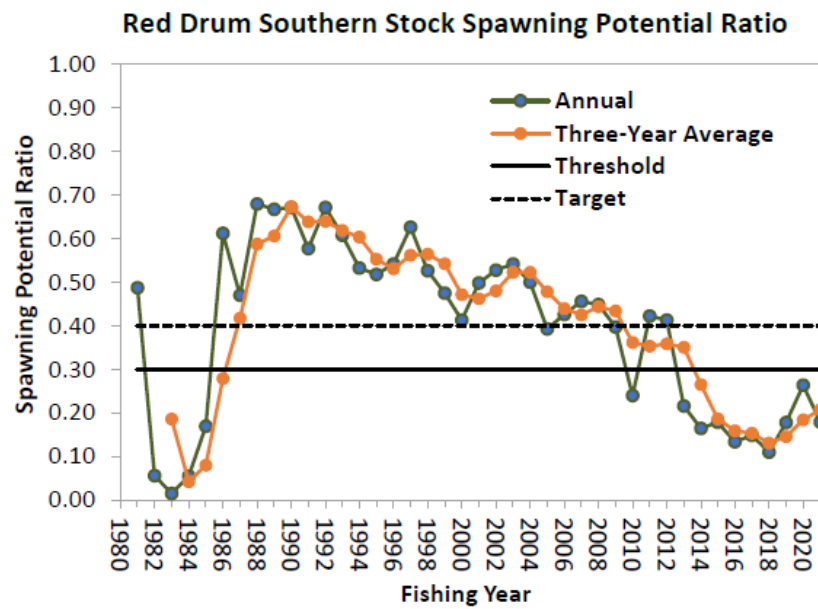
Based on science and precaution, our Association supports the following options to rebuild redfish:

- **3.1: Option B** – Establish process to adjust management measures.
- **3.2: Option A (Status Quo)** – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review.
- **3.3: Option A (Status Quo)** – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).
- **3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot)** – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules.
- **3.5: Option B** – Modernize for efficiency.

This Addendum states: “The 2024 Red Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report indicates the southern stock (South Carolina through the east coast of Florida) is overfished and experiencing overfishing” The document goes on to say, “In addition, to provide context on the difference between managing to the threshold (F30%) and target (F40%), **the PDT notes a threshold of F30% would represent a more liberal regulatory requirement compared to the status quo (Option A), which increases the probability of unsustainable harvest and further stock declines. However, relative to Option A, Option B increases recreational anglers’ access to utilize the public resource.**”

Amendment 2 was accepted in 2002. Since 2002, this is the second management change (Addendum) in 23 years, and this management body’s action is to lower the goalposts. It is a dereliction of your duty as managers and scientists to suggest lowering the Spawning Potential Ratio from 40% to 30%.

In your own words, lowering the standards, liberalizing management, unsustainable harvest, and further stock declines will increase “recreational anglers’ access to utilize a public resource. How exactly will that happen? If 85% of redfish caught are released, how is having fewer fish in the resource forever increasing “access”? In the immortal words of Inigo Montoya, ‘You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means’.



Your chart indicates that the Southern redfish population was able to achieve above the target level from 1986 to 2012. Moving the SPR Target from 40% to 30% also lowers the needed reduction from 28 % to 14% while leaving fewer redfish in the population for the foreseeable future. That is not management. It is skirting accountability for past failures and giving up, rather than doing the right thing.

Regarding the northern stock, the initial use of a Stock Synthesis (SS) model proved unsatisfactory due to data limitations. Instead of the SS model, a Traffic Light Analysis (TLA) was employed to evaluate the data-poor northern stock. The main difference between SS and TLA is that SS models are quantitative tools that generate estimates for various metrics and forecast numerical outcomes with confidence or credible intervals. Besides model assumptions, SS models incorporate objective population-dynamics data, which enhances statistical power and decreases uncertainty. Conversely, TLA is a decision-support tool for population dynamics based on a qualitative approach that produces categorical results like “green,” “yellow,” and “red” to reflect population status. Each indicator group is defined by thresholds usually derived from simulation runs within a specified time frame, often using prior model estimates. Due to this framework, TLA results are heavily affected by the choice of reference periods and thresholds, making this method more subjective and its uncertainty more difficult to interpret.

Although both SS and TLA analyze the same indices, they rely on different data sources. According to the Red Drum 2024 Benchmark Stock Assessment, an extended reference period

(1991–2013) was selected based on previous assessments. This approach is problematic: over such a broad timeframe, above- or below-average years may skew thresholds, and reliance on past model estimates rather than raw data risks perpetuating errors or biases from previous assessments, which further increases uncertainty. Thresholds in the TLA determine when indicators, such as adult abundance, change status (e.g., color). While these thresholds were initially derived from simulations, they were later manually adjusted without adequate justification. This adjustment introduces bias, potentially misrepresents the data, and diminishes the credibility of the TLA results. Combining model estimates from a 22-year period with ad hoc threshold adjustments raises serious concerns about the effectiveness and accuracy of the TLA applied to the northern stock. Considering these issues, the TLA used for the northern stock should not be relied upon for management decisions or stock status assessments. Additional data collection is necessary to properly evaluate the northern stock. Ideally, a quantitative method like Stock Synthesis should be used once sufficient data are available to prevent management actions based on highly subjective outputs from qualitative approaches. If the TLA continues to be used, its thresholds, reference periods, and model estimate applications must be carefully refined to reduce bias and improve reliability.

We can be certain that effort is drastically increasing on the Northern stock. Instead of pushing harvest, relying on a highly uncertain analysis, and ignoring trends, we encourage the Board to break the trend and take proactive action. We refer all members of the Sciaenids Board to the current issues with Atlantic striped bass. For over a decade, there has been repeated “half measures” while we mainly kick the can down the road. Do you want to revisit red drum issues every 6 months until the stock is on the edge of collapse, or do you want to do the hard thing, the right thing, before we lose yet another stock under the management of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission?

On Behalf of the ASGA Community,



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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 12:02 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

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Comment

I am the founder or Release Over 20" - a conservation non-profit that is encouraging anglers to self-regulate in a way that is more restrictive than regulations allow - namely by voluntarily releasing larger fish. I represent thousands of coastal anglers in the entire range of redfish along the East Coast. We want to see the abundance of redfish increase as fast as possible, even if we need to have short term sacrifice. In South Carolina, coastal counties population has increased 20% over the past 10 years and this 20% increase is reflected in the number of fishing trips annually. These same counties are projecting yet another 20% increase in the next 10 years. In addition to this increased angling effort, education and technology are allowing anglers to specifically target red drum. I know from tagging these fish over the past 12 years, that in their juvenile phase they return to the same structure every year, and don't range more than a couple miles until they reach adulthood. This makes them especially vulnerable to angling pressure - especially given the education and technology available to find and exploit these spots.

For these reasons, we strongly support 3.3 Option A which recommends keeping the Status Quo of 40% SPR. We need the states to manage more aggressively to turn around the fishery, not less. In SC, our laws are created by the State Legislature, and I fear that lowering the SPR bar will encourage them not to adopt more restrictive measures to help the fishery.

Last but not least, I am also co-owner of a successful fishing lure company, Eye Strike Fishing. Our jig heads are among the best selling lures in the southeast. An increased abundance of fish has a direct effect on the success of the fishing industry. If there are no fish to catch, we are all just going on a boat ride.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please keep the status quo for SPR goals.

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Tracey Bauer

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Cc: STEPHEN ATKINSON; Mike Avery
Subject: [External] Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Attachments: VSSA Red Drum Comments 092225 .pdf

Attached is Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association's public comments regarding Red Drum Draft Addendum II.

Please confirm that our organization's comments have been received and recorded.

Thank you.

Tom Burkett

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RE: DRAFT ADDENDUM II TO AMENDMENT 2 TO THE RED DRUM FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Board of Directors

Dear Ms. Bauer,

Steve Atkinson

The Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association (VSSA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on Draft Addendum II to Amendment 2 for the Red Drum Fishery Management Plan.

Mike Avery

3.1 Alternative State Management Regimes

John Bello

VSSA supports Option B. This would allow the use of the latest scientific and stock data plus it may allow liberalizing or increasing harvest if the trends and population allow it.

Tom Burkett

VSSA notes VA, PRFC and MD have identical commercial regulations today on the size and quantity of fish harvested. Conversely the recreational sizes and bag limits are different for the 3 Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions. VSSA encourage the states and commission to keep the Commercial Regulations the same and collaborate toward uniformity for the recreational fishery size and bag limits.

Tom Fenn

Scott Greg

3.2 Allow Alternative Methods to Estimate Fishing Mortality for Use in Management

Bob Mandigo

VSSA supports Option B. The population is moving north for whatever reason, i.e. global warming etc.

Robert Pollard

Option B would provide the states with flexibility should changes in the population warrant changes in the size or bag limits.

David Tobey

3.3 Management Program

Pat Valent

VSSA supports option A status quo. We are cognizant that managing to target is more conservative than managing to threshold. Moreover, we note the fishery is not overfished and overfishing is not occurring in the northern region. Conversely the 2024 Benchmark



Tracey Bauer
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
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Assessment confirmed the southern stock (South Carolina to Florida) is overfished. The issues addressed in this addendum appear to be more evident in the Southern Region vs. the Northern Region. Option A would also allow the least amount of change to the Northern Region jurisdictions VA

3.4 Northern Region Management Options

Again, we note the stock is not overfished and overfishing is not occurring in the Northern Region. Moreover, this stock appears to be moving north with more sub adult abundance now **appearing in the Chesapeake Bay.**

VSSA supports Option B for modifying the Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions to 1) preempt further increases in fishing mortality; 2) align management across Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions; and 3) simplify management enforcement. VSSA supports uniform measures across the Chesapeake Bay with a bag limit of 3 fish per day with a slot of 18" to 26." This would allow MD to increase its harvest, PRFC would reduce its bag limit, and VA would remain the same. However, we would support a uniform bag limit of 2 fish per day should the Commission and Chesapeake Bay states deem it more appropriate.

3.5 De Minimis Provisions

VSSA supports option B. This option will provide clear guidelines for *De Minimis* listing and is in conformance with the guidelines in the Commissions 2022 *De Minimis* policy.

4.0 Compliance Schedule

VSSA supports implementation of this addendum on January 1, 2026, and urges the Sciaenid's Management Board to take the necessary action to meet that date.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Burkett", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tom Burkett
Chair Government Relations

Comments on ASMFC Red Drum Draft Addendum II

My name is Jess Hawkins and I offer the following comments regarding the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Red Drum Draft Addendum II. I am a retired NC Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) biologist, served as Chief of the Fisheries Management Section, was an Executive Assistant to the Director, responsible for coordinating rulemaking and stakeholder input for NC Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) rules and served on the MFC. I am also an avid red drum recreational fisherman and volunteer on various boards involving seafood consumer education.

North Carolina enacted its first Red Drum Fisheries Management Plan in 1999. Those regulations are referenced in Addendum II and most have been in place since that time. North Carolina invests a lot of resources to provide data to hopefully ensure an accurate population assessment can be developed and appropriate measures can be placed on the NC population to maintain or develop a sustainable population. As you are aware, overfishing in NC was stopped some time ago and the 2024 ASMFC benchmark stock assessment found that the northern group (NC and Virginia) of red drum was not experiencing overfishing, nor was it overfished.

I strongly oppose all the proposed measures in Addendum II for North Carolina (listed below):

Option C. North Carolina Slot Size Limit Modifications Considering North Carolina's current regulation permits 1 fish per person per day from 18" to 27", any reductions to fishing mortality in the state would most easily be obtained through adjusting the slot-size limits. The below option would establish a reduced maximum size of 26" for the state with the option for the Board to further adjust either the minimum or maximum slot size at their discretion. North Carolina would establish measures limiting recreational harvest to a Board-specified slotsize limit between 18" and 26" (e.g., 18"-26", 18"-25", or 19"-26", or 19"-25"). The bag limit in North Carolina will remain at 1 fish per person per day.

NC General Statute 113-182.1 states that the Department (DMF) **shall** (bold letters added) prepared proposed FMP's for adoption by the MFC for all commercially or recreationally significant species or fisheries that comprise State

marine or estuarine resources. General Statute 113-182.1 also requires that each FMP be reviewed at least once every five years and that a FMP advisory committee be appointed to assist with the development of each respective FMP. The same statute requires that regional advisory committees (northern and southern), shall be consulted on each FMP being prepared. The last NC Red Drum FMP amendment was in 2008. No new amendments and no stakeholder review has begun or taken place since the northern population was determined to be healthy.

The ASMFC measures for NC have been developed with limited input, although the ASMFC public meeting in NC in 9.25 was much appreciated and gave stakeholders the opportunity to provide advice. I was not able to attend and decided to provide written comments..

When I was involved with coordinating stakeholder input and developing measures to sustain the NC red drum resource, many recreational fishermen desired to have a limited permit harvest on one fish over the slot limit when the population recovered. Also, many commercial fishermen asked for an increase in the commercial landing cap (based on historical landing) and/or an increase in the bycatch provisions in the commercial fishery (currently 7 fish) when the population recovered. Other options were also discussed.

Stakeholders have experienced the restrictions that helped recover the red drum resource in NC for many years. Objective stakeholders realize that the measures enacted in NC since 1999 have assisted in the recovery of the red drum population in NC. It would be a shame for the stakeholders who accepted those conservation responsibilities to not be able to have more access to the healthy red drum public trust resource.

The ASMFC should defer action on red drum in NC until the State takes the legally mandated steps to provide science-based management options that have undergone stakeholder input as required by the NC General Assembly.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jacob Skelton
Email
jacobskelton.302@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Andrew McClure
Email
amc864@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Joseph McClure
Email
Joseph.a.mcclure@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Kyle Meyer
Email
fishingallday31@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Based on science and precaution, support these to protect redfish while allowing access. 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency. The most important item is 3.3 - Choose Option A (Status Quo) to ensure the current 40% SPR (Spawning Potential Ratio) is not decreased to 30%.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Bobby Dykes
Email
dykesconcrete@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
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Name
Zak Palmer
Email
zakpalmer@hotmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Here is the website for public comment and below is the script to cut and paste. Thanks man and Sorry for the long text. 3.1: Option B - Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) - Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) - Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) - Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B - Modernize for efficiency.

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Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jeffrey Goldberg
Email
goldberg.jeff@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B - Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) - Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) - Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) - Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B - Modernize for efficiency.

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Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Thomas Alexander
Email
tcalexander22@yahoo.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B - Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) - Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) - Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) - Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B - Modernize for efficiency.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Grayson Allen
Email
graysona27@icloud.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jeff Wright
Email
jeff@alpharettaoutfitters.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B - Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) - Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) - Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) - Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B - Modernize for efficiency.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jared DiVincent
Email
jared@ontheflyoutfitters.co
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Ryan Mackey
Email
mackeyryan@gmail.com
State
Florida
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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DATE CHANGE: NC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
DATE CHANGE: NC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/nc-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
William Cochran
Email
wcochran@ameliaonfly.com
State
Florida
Comment
Based on science and precaution, I support these to protect redfish while allowing access: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Cam Cooper
Email
streamlinefishingco@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jon Brown
Email
jon@revjonbrown.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Michael Wilson
Email
michaelwilson950@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Philip Reasbeck
Email
philipgreasbeck@gmail.com
State
Pennsylvania
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Emma Holman
Email
holman.emma@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
John Northup
Email
johnnorthup@hotmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Paul Baldwin
Email
paul.c.baldwin@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B - Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) - Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) - Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) - Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B - Modernize for efficiency.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Gantt Jones
Email
gjon8007@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Daniel Bonacci
Email
dbo71@aol.com
State
Pennsylvania
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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To: Comments
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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Daniel Richardson
Email
teacherdan51@gmail.com
State
New Jersey
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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To: Comments
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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Benjamin English
Email
benmenglish@gmail.com
State
District of Columbia
Comment
3.1: Option B - Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) - Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) - Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) - Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B - Modernize for efficiency.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
William English
Email
w.english983@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B - Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) - Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) - Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) - Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B - Modernize for efficiency.

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Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Claire McCluskey
Email
gator1685@aol.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B - Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) - Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) - Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) - Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B - Modernize for efficiency.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Lindsay English
Email
l.harris188@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B - Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) - Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) - Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) - Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B - Modernize for efficiency.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Matthew Clemente
Email
mattpclemente+1@gmail.com
State
New Jersey
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Conrad Allen
Email
none@here.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Zac Kilmer
Email
zachkilmergreen@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Michael Yarbrough
Email
opedog@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Keith Laudati
Email
klaudati@gmail.com
State
New Jersey
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Matt Brucato
Email
mbrucato86@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
William Posey
Email
wjposey01@gmail.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Andrew Alias
Email
andrewalias@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Tim Costner
Email
costner7@comcast.net
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Rebekah Brucato
Email
rebekahbrucato@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
James Vidamour
Email
vgomerdog@aol.com
State
Florida
Comment
3.1: Option B - Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) - Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) - Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) - Reduces F by ~14% in VA, - 11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B - Modernize for efficiency.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Adam Johnson
Email
adamgrantjohnson@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Griffin Wood
Email
captgriff@hotmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Based on science and precaution, support these to protect redfish while allowing access: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency. 3.3 affects Florida as well.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Luke Pezold
Email
lukepezold@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Allison Sellers
Email
ahferrell@icloud.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency

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Tracey Bauer

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Gavin Sellers
Email
gavin_sellers@yahoo.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Howard Lukens
Email
hlukens@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Sunny Davis
Email
sunnywaters@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Based on science and precaution, support these to protect redfish while allowing access: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 8:23 AM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Perry Broussard
Email
perry@talltidescharters.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Based on science and precaution, support these to protect redfish while allowing access: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B - Modernize for efficiency

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 11:00 AM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Public Hearing Webinar on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Public Hearing Webinar on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Public Hearing Webinar on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/public-hearing-webinar-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
James Moon
Email
moojr09@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
-3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures -3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. -3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). -3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. -3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency. Additional Concerns to Raise: PRFC and GA Bag Limits: 5-fish limits are too high for a vulnerable species—advocate reducing to 2-3 for consistency and conservation. GA and SC Minimum Sizes: 14" (GA) and 15" (SC) are too low. Small redfish congregate in winter, making them easy targets. Push for 18" minimum to protect juveniles.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Matthew Metzger
Email
metzger299@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
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Don't be haunted by empty waters

Protect them
NOW!



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Note for 3.3 Status Quo (No SPR change).

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Redfish are a public
trust resource and
Georgia's state gamefish.
Is it a breach of
Trust if legislators
threaten action against
Georgia DFR?

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Decrease Georgia's
limit's to match
the regional
partners. South
Carolina and Florida
have already done so.

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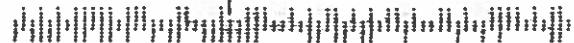
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Require GA to
decrease their limit.
SC and FL have already
done this to meet SPR 46%.
GA legislators are threatening
GA DNR. ASMFE needs
to help!

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3.1-OPTION B
3.2-OPTION A
3.3-OPTION A

You don't lower the
bar just because you
are not meeting it.

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Tracey Bauer

From: Chris Brown <cbernardbrown@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 9:34 AM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] Please do not reduce the Redfish target from 40% to 30% in the addendum

Changing the target does not address the situation. I oppose this change.

Chris Brown
phone: 816.914.0697
email: cbernardbrown@msn.com

<https://dot.cards/cbbinsc>

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From: Marshall Gaines <Marshall@releasemarine.com>
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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] Red Drum Draft Addendum II

I support

3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).

Marshall Gaines



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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jonathan Moss
Email
thecaptainslogtv@gmail.com
State
Florida
Comment
Today is the day! Let us consider the future generation of anglers. We must come together to protect our estuaries/fisheries so that our children, grand children and their children have BETTER opportunities at chasing redfish throughout the South East! VOTE FOR 3.3 STATUS QUO (No SPR change) Today is the day!

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Action URL
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Name
Merrin Slocombe
Email
prettydoes.mountain@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
PUBLIC COMMENT ENDS TONIGHT We need everyone to SUBMIT A PUBLIC COMMENT. Public Comment only open until TONIGHT at 11:59pm EST. Please submit your comment now! According to the ASMFC and the 2024 Federal Stock Assessment, Southern Red Drum stock has been overfished and is experiencing overfishing for the past 7+ years. Georgia has not revised outdated fishing regulations in over 30 years. Hold Georgia accountable as a regional partner to adopt lower, more responsible limits. Vote for 3.3 option A (Status quo) No change to SPR! I'm an avid angler and an enthusiastic supporter of informed fisheries management. I believe the complexities of managing for red fish are unknown to many people who like myself would like to see our recreational resources protected. The best outcomes are surely possible through informed decisions based on accepted science followed by active public outreach and education. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support. to protect redfish while allowing access. Through the present legislation 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Wesley Hodges
Email
captwesleyhodges@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Please maintain 3.3 option A- our fishery in SC needs all the help it can get. Thank you!

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Action URL
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Name
Callie Freeman
Email
calliefreemanflyfishing@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Public Comment on Red Drum Management - Item 3.3 As a recreational angler who works in the fishing industry and travels to the coast multiple times a year, often introducing others to redfish through catch-and-release trips, I am writing to express strong concern about the declining state of the red drum fishery. The spawning potential ratio (SPR) has been steadily declining since the 1990s. A 40% SPR or higher indicates a sustainable fishery. When the SPR falls below 40%, overfishing is occurring, and corrective management measures are needed. A SPR below 30% indicates the fishery is overfished. According to the most recent data, we are now near 20% SPR, which is a serious red flag. For Item 3.3, I support Option A: Status Quo, keeping the target SPR at 40%. I strongly oppose lowering the SPR target to 30%. Reducing the SPR benchmark does not address the root problem, it merely masks the declining condition of the fishery. Instead of moving the goalposts, we need to implement updated, effective conservation measures that protect redfish populations and promote long-term sustainability. At a 30% SPR, 70% of redfish would never get the chance to spawn, which is unacceptable for a species facing ever increasing fishing pressure. The appropriate response is not to lower our standards but protect the fishery with stronger, science-based regulations. Please maintain the 40% SPR target and prioritize conservation actions that can help redfish recover. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Action Title
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Action URL
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Name
Daryl Johnson
Email
daryljohnson@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Prohibit targeting of mature spawning redfish similar to the practice of protection of the spawning Cobia in certain SC waters. Specifically during the fall spawning season.
Consider understanding how many charter licenses are allowed and how many trips are taken each year.

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Name
Tom Bittner
Email
tombittner84@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.3 option A, 40% spr

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Tracey Bauer

From: Tricia Morris <triciamorris01@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 9:45 PM
To: Comments; morrismechanical
Subject: [External] Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Dear Tracey and/or to whom it may concern,

My name is Joe Morris. I was in attendance at Sapelo Fish Club last Wednesday for the presentation on red drum. My first comment is on the 450 plus page report Sedar-93-asmfc-2024-red-drum-stock-assessment.

I have read this document twice and skimmed it once. Due to its length and time constraint that was given for the public to view the document and comment on it, I have just a few observations on discrepancies listed below.

1. Page 9 2021-2022 abundance of red drum
2. Page 41 history of challenges , difficult or impossible to estimate, challenges-apparent data conflicts, limitation leads to uncertainty, red drum fisheries are highly dependent on (Marine Wreck Info Program) multiple uncertainties in catch estimates
3. Page 43 tendency to underestimate or overestimate, data too sparse to provide accurate estimates
4. Page 50 data limitations and poor estimates, conflicts with inputs and traditional data, concern with uncertainty at model estimates
5. Page 51 High degree of uncertainty
6. Page 69 Natural mortality-difficult to estimate and is uncertain
7. Page 74 little is known about the adult stage
8. Page 85 MRIP overestimation of fishing effort
9. Page 89 discards-lack of data in released red drum
10. General: 4th year fish can not be found in cycle so they put it in the fish caught column

As I stated three years ago, I am the 4th of 5 generations of fishing in my family. We have fished the same drops my whole life. I have lived on a tidal creek my whole life. Forty years ago, red fish were not as abundant as they are now. For the last 15-20 years, many more red fish have shown up in our area. The last 5 years, there has been an overabundance of red fish. The docks with lights are a visual of how many red fish are around. Most of the anglers in my area do not even target the red fish. For the past 2 weeks, I have counted over 100 red fish at the end of my dock. There have been numerous large schools of the red drum in the rivers. You can visually see them when the water gets clear at the end of November. Schools of a 1000+ have been seen. Although the survey is extensive, it lists many challenges in the data. It concerns me that the data given in the survey does not match what I am seeing with my own eyes. There is an engineering principle that says if the numbers do not look right, they probably are not right. It is called the eyeball test. I am concerned with the overabundance of red fish in our area. Many factors are not in this survey. These factors include black gill in local shrimp (overabundance of red fish food supply), lack of shrimp boat action in our area which leads to reduced by-catch that the dolphins feed upon, the increased number of gar fish, and the protection of the sharks that eat the red fish. I would be happy to discuss this with you.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joe Morris
Chatham County
(912) 398-0125

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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
John McGowan
Email
captjack@coastalrivercharters.com
State
Georgia
Comment
In favor of a 2 limit per person 15 to 23 inch. Boat limit 6 for Georgia.

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Name
Patrick Person
Email
amaden86@yahoo.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I am a fly fishing guide that promotes catch and release. I understand for the price to fish with me that's it's only fare to allow folks to keep a few fish if they want to. My concern is that our regulations in SC to keep such small fish don't really put much meat in the table and makes anglers want to keep more fish to actually get a meal. 15-23 inches is our slot with a max of 3 fish per angler. I see so many people including myself keeping fish in the 15-18 inch range that have hardly any meat on them to make it worth it. Resulting is people wanting to keep as many fish as possible to actually have a meal. Redfish hit mature status to reproduce around 27-29 inches. Why not have the regs keep one less fish and make the size larger. 18-26 inches. People will keep less if the filet is worth it on a 24-25 inch fish?? Also the genetics of a redfish are passed down through generations. Not all redfish have the drive and genetic make up to swim in to the grass at high tide to search for food (tailing reds) I try my hardest to explain to clients who want to keep fish that we should keep the ones tailing in the grass bc it will in result decline the next generation of fish with this trait. If you have 50 fish in a creek that leads to a flood tide flat for fish to go forage and tail only 20% Cary the gene to do so. Like I said. I promote catch and release and only 5% of my yearly clients want to keep fish. I have seen a decline in active fish in the grass over the past 20 years. Something can be done if we think about the actual amount of meat to eat on the small fish in the slot and numbers killed. People taking a limit of fish under 20 inches isn't worth tho the lives of fish just to have a basket of fried fish or a sandwich. Please consider the population numbers and amount of people on the water. Changing it to 2 fish per angler with a larger slot size will actually add more meat to the table for those who want to catch and keep.

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Tracey Bauer

From: JOSEPH Owens <jetlagssi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 9:17 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] Red fish

Tracy, my name is Pete Owens and I live on St Simons Is. Ga. I'm 60 years old and been fishing Glynn county and McIntosh county my whole life!!

The current red fish population is just fine...As a matter of fact they are kind of bothersome because if you fish in the small creeks and sounds , that's about all you catch! It's the best it has been during my lifetime and I fish all the time . Please don't lower the 5 fish limit per person per day in Georgia.

The "so-called" stock assessments are unreliable....The Red Snapper situation off the coast of Georgia is a perfect example. The South Atlantic Marine fisheries people are saying they are overfish. This couldn't be further from the truth because that is all you catch if you go bottom fishing off the coast of Georgia.

There is no way to say how many red fish are in the rivers and ocean off the coast of Georgia but if you know where to fish..you can catch about as many as you want. Thanks in advance. Pete Owens

Sent from my iPhone

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Email
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State
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Tracey Bauer

From: John Van Norman <jvnflyfish@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 8:46 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Public Comment on Draft Addendum II – Atlantic Red Drum
Recommendation: One-year harvest moratorium; catch-and-release only

Members of the Board,

The 2024 benchmark assessment makes the situation clear: the southern stock of Atlantic red drum is both overfished and undergoing overfishing, and the northern stock is showing increasing pressure. The current patchwork of state slot and bag limits is not holding mortality within sustainable bounds.

In light of this, I recommend a 12-month moratorium on harvest in state waters coastwide, or at a minimum in the southern region (South Carolina through Florida). During this period, red drum should be catch-and-release only, with enforceable best-practice requirements (circle hooks, no gaffs, limited air exposure).

Why a moratorium:

A coast- or region-wide pause on retention provides the most direct, immediate reduction in removals while the Board aligns long-term measures.

It mirrors existing federal EEZ rules, making compliance and enforcement clearer for anglers and agencies.

The science shows that short-term release mortality in red drum is relatively low (~4–6%) when fish are hooked in the mouth and handled properly. Mortality rises sharply with deep hooking and high water temperatures, both of which can be mitigated through gear restrictions and time-of-day or seasonal advisories.

A defined pause gives managers a year of breathing room to strengthen monitoring, standardize regulations, and build public confidence that recovery is achievable.

C&R practicality:

Circle-hook studies on red drum show deep-hooking drops dramatically when compared to J-hooks, with corresponding survival gains. Controlled studies in Tampa Bay and elsewhere put release survival at better than 90% when fish are lip-hooked and handled carefully. NOAA and ASMFC already endorse best-practice measures that can be codified during a moratorium.

Next steps after the moratorium:

At the end of the year, the Board can reopen harvest at conservative levels if metrics show improvement toward the 40% spawning potential ratio target. If not, the C&R period can be extended or phased. Either outcome is better than letting overfishing continue unchecked.

This is not a call to close the fishery—it is a call to preserve it. A one-year moratorium keeps anglers on the water, protects spawning biomass, simplifies enforcement, and demonstrates leadership at a critical moment for one of the most iconic coastal fish in the Atlantic.

Regards,

John Van Norman

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Langston Oxendine
Email
Langston0606@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Please support (F40%) ! And enforce stricter regulations on catch and release!!

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jessica Dirschel
Email
jessica.dirschel@aol.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I oppose the change because the red drum population is already under immense pressure. Lowering the target from 40 to 30% would weaken the protections of the red drum even more. WE NEED A HEALTHY SPAWN FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS!! Our fishery is under attack and is exponentially going downhill. This is coming from somebody who is on the water almost every single day.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Adam Norris
Email
adjnorris@yahoo.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
This is a critical marine resource. Red drum should be catch and release for the foreseeable future in NC, SC and GA. Thanks.

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Tracey Bauer

From: Sue Bertoline <suebert2@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 7:33 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] Draft Addendum II for Red Drum

Good evening,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a comment in regard to the Draft Addendum II for Red Drum.

I am from New York and fish the entire east coast as well as the coast.
To make your reading quicker I will just include my options below:

- 3.1 - Option B
- 3.2 - Option A
- 3.3 - Option A
- 3.4 - Option B Chesapeake, Option C NC
- 3.5 - Option B

I would also like to recommend PRFC and GA limits be reviewed. A 5 fish limit is too high for a fish that is vulnerable at this time.

In addition, I would like to request the GA and SC min size be review as well. It is time to protect the juveniles.

Thank you for your time,
Sue Bertoline

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
David Mathai
Email
david.mathai22@gmail.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
While I live in North Carolina now, I grew up (~20 years) in Beaufort, South Carolina. I was introduced to fly fishing at a young age by my parents, and it has played a massive role in who I am today. Some of the best and most teachable moments of my life have been spent wet wading for reds on a flood tide or sneaking up to a school on a flats boat. I taught my best friend how to fly fish on a flat near my house, and now we fish together whenever I'm home (he catches more fish than me now, frustratingly enough). I have greatly improved my relationship with both my dad and mom, respectively, on a flat. Redfish offer a rare opportunity to most people, especially in today's day and age: the ability to disconnect, clear your mind, and immerse yourself in peaceful nature. A healthy redfish population means more than just more fish in the waters, it means more opportunity for people to have the rare, therapeutic moments trying to catch them. I was fortunate enough to grow up fishing for reds, and I would like nothing more than to have the opportunity to raise my children the same way. Decreasing the SPR is inherently counterproductive to conservation and threatens the population of redfish that so many people rely on for pleasure/sport or livelihood. If anything, the baseline should be raised and more protections put in place to ensure healthy spawning classes for the next few years to let populations recover. It is our duty to leave the Earth a better place than we found it, and this initiative is not the way to do so. If nothing else, do it for your kids or grandkids. Leave them a healthier population of redfish so that they can catch more fish than we ever dreamed of.

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SC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
SC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Rhett Smith
Email
rhettsmith903@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I would personally like to see stricter bag limits and vessel limits. A support option B. smaller slot size like 17 to 22 inches. One fish per person per day and no fish be harvested over the slot size. Catch and release only In areas with significant redfish decline, a complete ban on harvest for a set period could help stocks recover more quickly. We need to protect and restore critical redfish habitats like estuaries, seagrass beds, and wetlands. Habitat loss is a significant long-term threat to the species. Having a healthy redfish population ensures the livelihood of guides, gear and tackle shops and the local economy. The redfish are a valuable asset to the economy in the low country. This valuable resource (the redfish) is worth protecting.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Nicole Morsilli
Email
gnmorsilli@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I feel that the slot limit is generous enough in the state of South Carolina. Red drum are our sportfish, they are the driving force of our fishing economy, our happiness, and pivotal to our fishery and environment. Please do nothing but reduce the slot limit for red drum. These fish are overfished, mishandled and pressured more and more each year.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Steve Sellers
Email
stephen.c.sellers@gmail.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
I'm submitting this comment to voice my strong support for conservative, conservation oriented policies designed to maintain the long-term viability and sustainability of the southern red drum stock. The value of a healthy and sustainable red drum population cannot be overstated in a state like South Carolina, where recreational fishing drives so much of the local economy along the Atlantic coast. While recreational anglers do sometimes wish to catch and kill red drum, it is important not to take a shortsighted view of the resource. Taking steps and enacting policies which will potentially reduce individual harvest in the short term are good for the long-term sustainability of the resource. Once the resource is gone, it is gone forever and we must act now while it can still be protected. My specific recommendations on the proposals being considered are the following: 3.1 - Option B 3.2 - Option B 3.3 - Option A (40% SPR) 3.4 - Option C 3.5 - Option B Thank you for your consideration.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
David Girgis
Email
bucks_92@hotmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
For the health of our fisheries! Please keep the SPR at 40% and reduce the daily limit. There's hardly any redfish activity for the recreational fisher. I end up having to drive to Florida or Texas for recreational red fishing because opportunists are more abundant. They have reduce daily limits/narrow slot limits to allow for a healthy population. Please for the future of our fishery and our kids.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Shorey Kingsbury
Email
shoreykingsbury@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
If you lower the target and allow more fish to disappear from our waters we are going to be in lots of trouble trying to regain fish from this mistake. I am a local and fish religiously for redfish. Even build boats that are made to catch them. I practice catch and release and I have seen an already huge drop in population in my waters here in Charleston county. So many new out of state people move here that live to fish. It's not helping.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Scot Warden
Email
swarden97@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction and Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot. Our fishery has been over fished for too long.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jarrod Farmer
Email
jarrodnfarmer@gmail.com
State
Virginia
Comment
Why would you not want to protect the resource of redfish? The amount of money that out of state fisherman like me spend (my family and I just left Beaufort on Monday from a week long vacation which included fishing 2 days and we spent nearly \$4000 just in South Carolina alone) should be enough of a warning and sign that you should do a better job to protect the fish so I and many others come to spend in your state.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
John Tuohy
Email
jtuoxy56@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
The long term viability of the redfish population depends on actions taken now... that are past due. Please consider a change to regulations that allow recovery of the redfish in Georgia waters.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Brent Ledford
Email
bledford10@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Dear Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, As a concerned resident and avid angler in coastal Georgia, I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the declining population of red drum (<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>) in our region's waters. The 2024 benchmark stock assessment conducted by ASMFC and SEDAR has clearly indicated that the southern red drum stock, which includes South Carolina, Georgia, and northeastern Florida, is overfished and experiencing overfishing. This is alarming, as red drum are a vital part of Georgia's coastal ecosystem and support significant recreational fisheries that contribute to our local economy and cultural heritage. I have personally observed fewer large red drum in recent years, and reports from fellow anglers echo this trend, with increased fishing pressure and potential habitat degradation exacerbating the issue. Georgia's current regulations, which have not been substantially updated in decades, appear insufficient to reverse this decline. I strongly urge the Commission to approve and implement Draft Addendum II to Amendment 2 of the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Red Drum, including measures such as reducing recreational harvest limits to promote stock recovery. Furthermore, I recommend prioritizing additional research into habitat protection, enforcement of size and bag limits, and monitoring of discard mortality to ensure long-term sustainability. Protecting this iconic species is essential for future generations of Georgians and visitors who enjoy our coastal resources. Thank you for considering my comments and for your ongoing efforts to manage Atlantic coast fisheries responsibly. I look forward to seeing positive actions taken to rebuild the red drum population. Brent Ledford Chatham County, GA

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jeffrey Palis
Email
jpalis@highpoint.edu
State
North Carolina
Comment
I support the best way to reduce overfishing. We have to protect our future fisheries.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Henry Hoyal
Email
hhoyal@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
As a Georgia fisherman, I'd like to see us reduce the bag limit to 1-2 per person. I'd also like to see us increase the minimum size to 18". Let's follow the data. React to what the data shows and move accordingly. Thanks.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Tanner Lackey
Email
tlac44@hotmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
3.3 Management Programs Vote Option A. Status Quo - keep target SPR of 40%. Lowering the bar does nothing to help preserve our fisheries for the future.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Christine Atkins
Email
atkinsc686@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
As a redfish angler who is passionate about ensuring the health of our fisheries, I strongly urge you to vote for the following: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Capt. Nicholas BOYD
Email
duesouthexpeditions@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
My name is Capt. Nicholas Boyd. I was born and raised in Beaufort, South Carolina, and have spent over 25 years fishing and professionally guiding in the surrounding waters I proudly call home. Over the course of my life and career, I've witnessed a troubling and undeniable trend: the steep and continued decline of red drum (redfish) populations in our local estuaries. Each year, the pressure on these fish intensifies—through overfishing, increased boat traffic, and the sheer volume of anglers on the water. The fishery simply cannot sustain the current level of exploitation. I'm speaking not only as a guide but as someone who has dedicated his life to these waters. This isn't speculation or alarmism—it's reality. If we don't act now, there won't be a fishery left in the next 5 to 10 years. It's time for urgent and decisive action. I strongly support the immediate closure of the redfish season—and potentially other vulnerable species as well—until populations have had the time and space to recover. Temporary sacrifices now will ensure a sustainable fishery for future generations. We need our wildlife agencies, lawmakers, and the general public to start listening to the people who are on the water every day. We know these waters. We see the change. And we're telling you: our fishery needs help—now. Let's protect what we love before it's too late. Capt. Nicholas Boyd Beaufort, SC

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Craig Hatcher
Email
craighatcher2121@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I am commenting from Florida but am definitely interested in anything that will help improve the redfish fishery in my birth state of GA. I have watched the red fishery around Savannah slowly decline prior to 2016 and according to recent data has continued to due so at the very least I am in favor of 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). but a better option would also be to reduce the bag limits to continue to let the fishery recover. Also some habitat management wouldn't be a bad option. For example in Mosquito lagoon Florida over 1000000 native clams were introduced to help filter the water in areas plagued by algae blooms. Also replanting turtle grass etc. also my area is Catch and release only for redfish at the moment while it recovers. Areas in GA could potentially do something similar whether it's oyster bar or spartina grass restoration. In the past 3 years we've seen great improvements in water quality in areas that were once just world class fisheries. Hopefully GA will follow suit and protect this resource! Craig Hatcher Fishing Specialist at West Marine Former Fly Fishing Guide

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Donald Smith
Email
docsmith00@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
3.3 Option A (Status Quo) No change to SPR

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Ty Kotz
Email
tymkotz@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
As an avid red fisherman I would love to see the species protected at all costs. I understand that many of our redfish are released but not released properly and the mortality rate is unknown. In addition many of our large breeding fish get a lot of pressure in certain areas of the harbor especially. Who knows how many times the same breeding fish is caught and released and how Many times can they handle. I would vote for closing known breeding areas to targeted bull red fishing for those periods I doesn't help that the inshore fish get a lot of pressure as well and keeping fish out of a resident school only hurts that school I am a fan of the strictest regulations possible to protect the fish. We need to preserve the next generation. I understand people like to harvest fish for dinner but how many do they need? Please be strict. I am even a fan of not keeping any redfish if we have to. I have lived in Charleston 12 years and I have noticed a decline in all areas I know and fish. Please act

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Chris Winham
Email
winham43@yahoo.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I completely support raising the minimum slot limit to 18" from 15". I also believe that the per boat bag limit of 6 is too high and should be reduced to 4. Please protect our fisheries!

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Tracey Bauer

From: Denny Stephen <denny3813@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 3:50 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] Red Drum

There is an abundance of Red Drum in Wassaw and Ossabaw sounds. They can be such a nuisance, especially the larger 23 plus inches. You waist time getting them in and releasing so you can throw back out for a trout or a smaller Red. 5 limit has proven to work for years, leave it alone. Please do not punish us for those who do not know how abundant Red Drum are. Tere seems to be more Red Drum this year than last year.

As information I am 80 years and have a lot of experience.

Thank you

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Alan Kirkpatrick
Email
alan2524628@gmail.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
It is imperative that on item 3.3 we stick to option A, keeping the targets at 40%. Why, when the stock is in decline would we move the targets down? The economic and cultural assets and benefits of having a healthy Red Drum stock are critical the the health of the entire community of the Atlantic States.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Geoff Bennett
Email
gtb_76@hotmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
We should move away from status quo and assess the rules and regulations continuously. Redfish are a great sport fish but no one, literally no one, relies on keeping two a day as a cost effective means of sustenance. Lower the limit to one or none until stocks improve. I want redfish to be available to my kids and grandkids. Anyone who wants to stay with status quo is being selfish and inconsiderate of our future anglers.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
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Name
Mark Daniell
Email
flyfishredfish@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I would like you to support option 3.3, the 40% spawning potential for conservation to have fish for our future. Thank you.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Linda Davis
Email
ritadogdav@aol.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I am concerned about overfishing of red drum population. I favor adoption of the 3.3 option for the 40% rule.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Roger Davis
Email
roger@warrenforensics.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
The redfish fishery needs to be better protected, so I favor adoption of 3.3 for the 40% spawning potential ratio.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Gryphon Richardson
Email
gryphon2.richardson@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Leave the 40% rule in place!

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Paul Puckett
Email
paul@paulpuckettart.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Let's just do what makes sense for a reliable, sustainable redfishery. People come here to fish, not necessarily keep fish. Let's just do what makes sense for the future of this amazing fishery. 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Chris Bagnell
Email
chrisbagnell6@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I think the regulations should be more strict on slot fish. I also think keeping redfish in the winter month should not be allowed. As for the fall i think the rules for targeting bulls should be like red snapper season where their is select days to target them.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Sean Harrison
Email
sharris4368@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Tucker Winham
Email
tjw0081@auburn.edu
State
South Carolina
Comment
I want my kids to enjoy this fishery. At the pace it's going, they will never be able to experience it the way I have. PLEASE. Lower the slot, cut back limits, SOMETHING

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Nathan Jackson
Email
nathant_jackson@yahoo.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jason Dammer
Email
jasondammer@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Keep the target SPR at 40% to preserve the resource for future fishing opportunities. Catch and release fishing is more popular than ever. Because of this, necessary changes to size and catch limits will not significantly reduce the public's enjoyment of red drum fishing. I say this as a recreational fisherman with children who hold lifetime hunting and fishing licenses. My concern is for their future access to red drum catch opportunities, rather than an abundance of red drum consumption today.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Addison Macon Bell
Email
darwinsarch69@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Save the redfish please

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Action Title
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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jason Knight
Email
jv.knight@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Don't allow the keeping of redfish for a few years. Restrict fishing in certain areas that hold bull reds (ie The Grillage in Charleston)

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
ryan schlom
Email
rschlom9@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I'm contributing to share my concerns about the risks of lowering the SPR for red drum. Dropping the SPR from 40% to 30% subjects our fishery to further overfishing and will give the fishery no time to react. Given the time it takes to make and approve new regs, as we can see through this exercise, we MUST have time to react if SPR drops -- the science clearly dictates that a 30% SPR should be an emergency threshold for unusual shocks, not a management goal. Keeping the 40% SPR means bigger fish, more spawning, and a more sustainable commercial and recreational fishery. As your constituency, the vast majority of us (>75% !!!) are in favor of stronger protections for red drum, not weaker. Do the right thing for our fishery and the habitat we all share. Thank you

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Hayes Leatherman
Email
thehayesleatherman@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I strongly support selecting the more precautionary options in Draft Addendum II to Amendment 2, particularly for the southern red drum stock. The document rightly proposes setting stricter fishing mortality caps and requiring states to adopt regulations that will prevent exceeding those limits. Uniform, coast-wide consistency in bag and slot limits—as outlined in Addendum II—is essential to avoid regulatory loopholes and ensure fairness across jurisdictions. Flexibility for states is acceptable only if it doesn't undermine the goal of rebuilding the stock. I also urge the Commission to pay close attention to discard mortality, enforcement, and compliance monitoring in implementing any new measures. The choices made now in this Addendum will determine whether our coastal red drum fishery can recover, and thrive, for decades to come.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jacob Adam
Email
jjadam95@yahoo.com
State
Georgia
Comment
The federal stock assessment currently showing that the southern redfish population is currently overfished, and the level of overfishing is only increasing with more anglers on the water and fewer fish. Retaining the status quo of a 40% SPR, is the only way to achieve this. Scientific stock assessments and angler experiences clearly illustrate that there are issues with the state of the redfish population. Changing definitions and moving goalposts are futile and do not address the root problem of excessive limits and overfishing. Our redfish need an opportunity to recover. Lowering the standards only leads to further decline

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Sara Burns Gibson
Email
saraburnsgibson@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Dear Members of the Commission, I appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on Draft Addendum II to Amendment 2 of the Red Drum Management Plan. After reviewing the 2024 Red Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment and the rationale presented in the draft, I strongly urge you to adopt more conservative measures—especially for the southern stock (South Carolina through east Florida)—to reverse overfishing, rebuild spawning biomass, and safeguard recreational fishing opportunities for future generations. Key Points and Recommendations 1. Acknowledge the science and urgency The assessment clearly indicates that the southern stock is overfished and currently experiencing overfishing. [redacted] This is not a theoretical risk but a present reality. The longer corrective measures are delayed, the greater the cost (biological, economic, and social) to rebuild the stock. 2. Align and tighten rules across states The current patchwork of state-level bag limits, slot sizes, and harvest rules creates loopholes, enforcement challenges, and inequities between anglers in adjacent jurisdictions. [redacted] A more harmonized framework—with consistent minimums, maximums, and slot limits—would reduce regulatory arbitrage and make compliance easier to enforce. 3. Favor conservative options for mortality caps and recreational limits Where the draft offers a choice, I support the more protective options: lower allowable mortality, stricter bag or slot reductions, and narrower “flexibility” margins for states. Given how heavily red drum is targeted by the recreational sector, every additional individual removed has outsized impact. [redacted] 4. Ensure meaningful state flexibility while safeguarding the core objective It is reasonable to allow states to propose alternative management tools (e.g. alternative analyses) when justified, but they must be subject to rigorous review and safeguard thresholds. States should not be allowed to circumvent stronger measures simply by citing local variance without strong empirical support. [redacted] 5. Value local angler observations and community buy-in In addition to stock assessments, local observations (for example, declines in large redfish, fewer “trophy” fish seen, or longer seasons with sparse catches) can provide compelling, ground-level evidence of decline. Encouraging anglers, guides, and local communities to submit their observations helps bridge the gap between data and lived experience. As the Ace Outdoors Charleston article notes, grounded local testimony often carries weight in these processes. [redacted] 6. Consider the broader economic and cultural stakes Red drum fishing is not just about biology — it supports guides, charters, tackle shops, tourism, and a cultural connection to coastal fisheries in South Carolina and beyond. A collapsed or severely diminished fishery would ripple well beyond the boat

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7. Prioritize communication, education, and enforcement

Adoption of stricter rules must be matched with efforts to communicate changes clearly to anglers, ensure consistent enforcement, and monitor compliance and discard mortality. Without that, even the best rules will underperform.

Conclusion

The science is clear: the southern red drum stock is under stress, and decisive, precautionary actions are required now. I respectfully urge the Commission to adopt the more conservative management options in Draft Addendum II, especially for southern states, while preserving room for justified, well-documented flexibility. By doing so, you not only restore the stock but protect the long-term viability of one of our region's most beloved recreational fisheries.

Thank you for your consideration and for the work you do in stewarding our shared coastal resources.

Sincerely,
Sara Burns Gibson
Charleston, SC

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Name
Madison Kuzia
Email
madisonckuzia@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I oppose this change as it may put the population of red drum in the Lowcountry at risk by minimizing the cushion we have in the current population. Please heed the advice of local fishermen and captains who are closely acquainted with these fisheries and their habits and do not make this change that could harm the ecosystem.

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Action URL
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Name
Chris Rourk
Email
cmrourk@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
The bag limits and slot sizes need to be adjusted in a way to keep the target percentage high (roughly 45%) to protect the breeder fish to sustain the fishery for the future.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Michael Farfour
Email
mfarfour@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).

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Name
Drake James
Email
drake.c.j11@gmail.com
State
Virginia
Comment
Protect the species, keep less fish and reduce slot size.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Dawson Waters
Email
Dtwfishing@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I vote for option A status Quo no change to SPR.

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Action URL
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Name
Worth Gaylor
Email
wgaylor24@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Our Redfish are hurting and are in need of a major change. I grew up in the Savannah area and upon moving to Charleston the number of Redfish are much greater in comparison. Guides being to take their daily limit is insane. We need change!

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Matt Fitts
Email
matthewfitts843@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
DO NOT LOWER THE TARGET!

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Thomas Freund
Email
tbfreund@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
To the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes outlined in Draft Addendum II regarding the reduction of the red drum management target from 40% to 30%. Lowering the target at this time would weaken critical protections for red drum, a species that is already facing significant population stress due to heavy fishing pressure and declining abundance. Red drum are not only ecologically important as a keystone predator within their habitats, but they also support a valuable recreational fishery that contributes substantially to local economies, guiding operations, and coastal communities. Reducing safeguards now risks compounding long-term harm to both the fishery and the ecosystem it supports. Once populations decline past a tipping point, recovery is slow and costly — ecologically, economically, and socially. Maintaining the current 40% target is a prudent, science-based measure that prioritizes sustainability and ensures future generations will have the same opportunities to enjoy and benefit from this fishery. For these reasons, I urge the Commission to reject the proposed reduction and keep the target at 40%. Strong protections today will help safeguard not only red drum populations but also the livelihoods, businesses, and coastal traditions that depend on them. Respectfully, Thomas Freund

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Andy Ferez
Email
andyferaz8497@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I am opposed to lowering the target from 40% to 30%, as it appears to be moving a goal to justify a declining fishery rather than figuring out ways to improve it.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Tyler Bowman
Email
lowcountryfishermanco@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
To Whom It May Concern, As a full-time fishing guide who is on the water every single day, I must respectfully but strongly oppose the proposed management changes in the Southern and Northern Regions that would reduce the target from 40% to 30%. From my firsthand experience, I have observed a significant decline in red drum populations alongside a dramatic increase in fishing pressure. Lowering the target reference point would only further jeopardize the sustainability of this fishery. Rather than loosening protections, we need stronger conservation measures to ensure that future generations of anglers, guides, and coastal communities can continue to depend on redfish. Red drum are already under immense strain, and this proposal sends the wrong message at the wrong time. By decreasing the level of protection, we risk collapsing a fishery that many of us rely on not just for recreation, but for our livelihoods. I urge you to maintain (and even strengthen) the 40% target and prioritize conservation. We need to focus on long-term sustainability rather than short-term gains. Thank you for your time and consideration. Respectfully, Tyler Bowman Professional Fishing Guide

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Anthony Welch
Email
capttonywelch@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Option A for item 3.3

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Name
Morey Mckoy
Email
moreymckoy@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
DO NOT CHANGE!!! Our red fish population has seen a significant decline. This will only negative impact our fishery.

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Action URL
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Name
Colby Durden
Email
colbydurden@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
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Action URL
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Name
Jim Barger
Email
jim@frobar.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Please do the sensible thing here and protect our fisheries for future generations. A 40% SPR has been the TARGET that determines a healthy fishery since the late 1980's and early 1990's with 30% SPR being the threshold that determines if a fishery is experiencing OVERFISHING. Put simply, 30% SPR is the current alarm THRESHOLD with the 40% SPR TARGET being the buffer to give a fishery time to make proactive fishing regulation changes before we reach 30% SPR. I urge you to implement the following: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency. Thank you.

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Name
Scott Davis
Email
scottellscharleston@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Thank you all for realizing the issue and working proactively to correct it. I owned a fly shop in Charleston for 10 years and guided anglers for redfish for 15yrs. I have seen the massive increase in effort as well as the decline in the overall population. I fully support the following: 3.1 option B 3.2 option A 3.3 option A (40% for conservation. Lowering should never have even been an option) 3.4 option B 2 fish/person/day 18"-26" in the Chesapeake and option C for NC 1 fish per person/day 19-25" 3.5 option B I also feel like the 5 fish limits in places are too high for fish in such a vulnerable state. Additionally the GA and SC lower slot of 14 and 15" is too small. Thank you all again for your continued work and allowing the publics comments to be explained to legislators. Respectively, Scott Davis

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Tracey Bauer

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Patrick Johnston
Email
plj0001@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).

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Tracey Bauer

From: Coastal Ga Fishing <gacharterfishing@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 9:08 AM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] Redfish regs. Concerns

Hello Tracy,

Good morning...

My name is Jay Cranford, owner of Coastal Ga Fishing.
We're run saltwater charters from the top of Georgia down to the Florida coast.

The Red Fish population is strong and thriving. From puppy drum to large bull reds , we do not see a shortage.

In fact we have seen more reds in the last 2 years than ever before.

We do not recommend taking away the creel limit but we would advocate to leave the creel limit as it is and to modify the slot size to cut off at 21".

If you are concerned about the redfish population the larger ones are the ones we would need to protect and that 2 in will save thousands of redfish to go on to be breeders.

Also one of my concerns is that more and more people are targeting bull reds ... The breeders..... I'm sure some of these fish are being lost to foul hooking and miss handling, therefore losing millions and millions of eggs that would enhance the population..

Redfish are strong, plentiful and tough. If anything needs a correction, we would advocate the reduction of the trout limit from 15 down to 12 and release all over 20". Again, that will put more breeding trout into the fishery..

It only makes sense that the majority of people are catching their limits of reds with no issues but having tough times catching trout . That may be an issue to address.

Charter Captains rely on common sense numbers to ensure happy clients and future bookings .. We don't want to end up like Florida , with very low limits which will in turn hurt the charter industry from lack of customers.. No one wants to pay \$500 to go catch 3 redfish and a few trout.

We are experiencing this very same thing with our red snapper population.. there is an overabundance but yet we are being punished and the commercial fisherman are not as much. Hopefully that will be changing very soon.

I will also mention we see more dolphins than we've ever seen before and I'm sure you are aware that the dolphins diet is primarily made up of redfish. The red fish are not being overfished. Again, they are plentiful. Please look at all aspects of your surveys and talk to people who are actually out there on the waters seeing these populations first hand before you make changes.

Instead of taking away the fish from us why don't we think of ways to enhance the population through adding more oyster reefs and improving our waters.? That is a proactive approach and charter Captains and recreational anglers look forward to our tax dollars going towards enhancements for a better fishery and not more regulations..... That's a win for both sides.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my concerns and let me know if you have any questions. 🐟

Respectfully yours,

Captain Jay Cranford

www.Coastalgafishing.com

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Tracey Bauer

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Joseph Berney
Email
josephbern77@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
According to the ASMFC, Southern Red Drum stock has been overfished and is experiencing overfishing. Georgia has not revised outdated fishing regulations in over 30 years. Hold Georgia accountable as a regional partner to adopt lower, more responsible limits. Vote for 3.3 option A (Status quo)!

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Tracey Bauer

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Thomas Fuda
Email
tom.fuda@gmail.com
State
Connecticut
Comment
I am a recreational angler that occasionally fishes for red drum in the mid atlantic. I am writing to express my preferences for the options proposed in the Draft Addendum to the Red Drum FMP. My preferences are as follows: Section 3.1 Alternative State Management Regimes: I support Option B. Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures. I think it important to have a process whereby member states propose new measures, allowing these new proposed measures to be evaluated for their effectiveness and impact on the fishery. Section 3.2 Allow Alternative Methods to Estimate Fishing Mortality for Use in Management: I support Option A. Status Quo. This requires more rigorous review of proposed alternative methods for estimating fishing mortality. It is important to use consistent, peer reviewed estimation methodologies in order to manage the stock effectively across member states. Section 3.3 Management Program: I support Option A. Status Quo. We should implement size and bag limits to attain the 40% SPR target to give the fishery the best chance to rebuild the biomass. Section 3.4 Northern Region Options: I support Option B. Chesapeake Bay Jurisdiction Modifications and Option C for North Carolina Slot Size Limit Modifications Section 3.5 De Minimis Provisions. I support Option B. Update De Minimis Provisions. I feel this gives the board the ability to adjust regulations when needed in de dinimis states if the stock continues to shift northward. Other concerns I have are with the 5 fish bag limits in the state of Georgia and the Patomac River Fisheries Commission management region. This is excessive and unsustainable and they should be reduced to more closely align with other states (3 fish max).

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Tracey Bauer

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Nathan Plumb
Email
nplumb30@gmail.com
State
Florida
Comment
3.3 - Choose Option A (Status Quo) to ensure the current 40% SPR (Spawning Potential Ratio) is not decreased to 30%. A 40% SPR has been the TARGET that determines a healthy fishery since the late 1980's and early 1990's with 30% SPR being the threshold that determines if a fishery is experiencing OVERFISHING. Put simply, 30% SPR is the current alarm THRESHOLD with the 40% SPR TARGET being the buffer to give a fishery time to make proactive fishing regulation changes before we reach 30% SPR THRESHOLD. It is crucial that we have our coastal fisheries maintain and strive to maintain the healthy of our fishery for the 40% SPR to allow us enough time to react and adjust regulations.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Collin Ross
Email
saltyperspectives@gmail.com
State
Florida
Comment
A 40% SPR has been the TARGET that determines a healthy fishery since the late 1980's and early 1990's with 30% SPR being the threshold that determines if a fishery is experiencing OVERFISHING. Put simply, 30% SPR is the current alarm THRESHOLD with the 40% SPR TARGET being the buffer to give a fishery time to make proactive fishing regulation changes before we reach 30% SPR THRESHOLD. It is crucial that we have our coastal fisheries maintain and strive to maintain the healthy of our fishery for the 40% SPR to allow us enough time to react and adjust regulations. Based on science and precaution, support these to protect redfish while allowing access.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ronnie copping <rcopp57@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 8:16 AM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] Redfish

Leave the current redfish regulations alone! Been fishing here in Georgia for 50 years, more fish and larger fish than ever!
Sent from my iPad

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Tracey Bauer

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Sean Duggan
Email
Seanjuly1988@yahoo.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Good morning, I support 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). Definitely support methods to improve the Georgia redfish population. Thank You, Sean Duggan Savannah, Ga

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Tracey Bauer

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To: Comments
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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Charles Raley
Email
charles@raleylawfirm.com
State
Georgia
Comment
According to the ASMFC, Southern Red Drum stock has been overfished and is experiencing overfishing. Georgia has not revised outdated fishing regulations in over 30 years. Hold Georgia accountable as a regional partner to adopt lower, more responsible limits. Vote for 3.3 Option A (Status quo - No change to 40% SPR).

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Preston Faulkner
Email
plfaulkner1988@gmail.com
State
Florida
Comment
30 percent has been the indicator of a fishery that is being over fished for more than two decades. It makes zero logical sense to lower the threshold that will put the fishery into immediate danger. With a buffer zone there will be little to no time to react to a drop in number and subsequently no time to make the necessary changes.

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Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Danny Dixon
Email
dannydixon576@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).

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Tracey Bauer

From: Marcus Hannon <marcushannon10@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 11:26 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] Redfish (and other gamefish limits)

I am a charter guide in Savannah. While I do think the redfish fishery is still good, it could be so much better. A very good example is the large amount of charter guides, as well as recreational fisherman, in our area that buy South Carolina licenses and make the short ride over there. It seems like there is a way larger amount of redfish as well as the other species, just a short boat ride away. My guess would be that has a lot to do with their lower limits and I would like to replicate that. I also set my own personal boat limits on my charters to try and do my part

3 redfish per person, boat max of 9

10 trout per person, boat max of 20

10 sheepshead per person, boat max of 20

5 flounder per person, boat max of 10

5 black drum per person, boat max of 10

I think the limits for Georgia should be changed to something similar.

Red drum 15"-23" 3 per person, boat max of 9 Sheepshead 13" 10 per person, boat max of 25 Trout 14" 10 per person, boat max of 25 Drum 15"-26" 5 per person, boat max of 10 Flounder 14" 5 per person, boat max of 15

My thoughts

Sent from my iPhone

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 10:35 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for DATE CHANGE: NC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

DATE CHANGE: NC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
DATE CHANGE: NC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/nc-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Cameron Pappas
Email
cameron.pappas62@gmail.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
Please consider how important this fish is to the recreational economy. We must do anything and everything necessary to protect this species from overfishing even if it means moratorium. I'm a full time fishing guide and this is by far the #1 targeted species on most of the inshore guided trips in my area. I mainly practice catch and release but with the amount of new fisherman that have moved here and also the amount of people that keep this fish on a daily basis this fish needs much stricter restrictions to help them thrive.

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Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Steven Smith
Email
spartinaflats@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Dear ASMFC Board Members, Please find my public comments as it relates to Red Drum Draft Addendum II: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency. Additionally, I am writing to express strong opposition to any proposal to reduce the Spawning Potential Ratio (SPR) management target for red drum from 40% to 30%, and to urge the Commission to uphold the current 40% standard. Red drum are a classic public trust resource: held and managed by the state and federal government for the benefit of all citizens, including future generations. This foundational principle has been recognized throughout our region and requires stewardship decisions based on the long-term health of the fishery, not just temporary considerations. Lowering the SPR standard for red drum, especially in light of current evidence, would abandon this public trust responsibility. The most recent ASMFC benchmark assessment shows that the southern stock's SPR has been below the 40% target for over a decade and below the 30% overfishing threshold for most of the past ten years. These numbers indicate that the population is both overfished and experiencing overfishing under current regulations—a serious failure in public trust stewardship considering scientific evidence has shown this resource depletion having been known to be occurring since at least the early 2000s. When the 40% SPR standard was set, it reflected clear scientific advice that this was the minimum necessary to restore resilience, reproductive capacity, and sustainable fishing opportunities. The 30% threshold was intended only as an “alarm bell or line in the sand” for severe management failure, not as a routine target. In Georgia, scientists in the early 2000s warned that a bag limit higher than a single fish per person would only be compatible with a 40% SPR if the upper slot was reduced and fishing effort did not increase. Instead, regulations have barely improved, and recreational angling pressure has soared. To lower the SPR management target now would be to formally endorse continued overfishing and neglect decades of scientific warning and management inaction. Doing so would directly undermine the state and federal government's responsibility as

trustee of this public resource. It would set a dangerous precedent for all of Georgia's and the South Atlantic's publicly owned fisheries.
I urge the Commission to keep the 40% SPR standard and consider immediate stronger, not weaker, protections. The public expects fisheries like red drum to be managed for lasting benefit—not sacrificed for short-term convenience. This responsibility is at the heart of the public trust doctrine and the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.

Thank you for upholding both science and the public trust.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Smith, Jr.
(912)659-3122

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Tracey Bauer

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Johnny Mainero
Email
info@fishingblackwater.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Consistently seeing redfish stocks decline in estuary year after year. Tons of shark predation, along with increase of angling pressure in both juvenile and breeding stock. Bull red fishing needs to be cut off during spawn. The management of redfish as a whole is flawed due to health of each individual estuary. Stocking is not the answer to any issue. Recommend 5 year harvest moratorium to allow 5 year classes of redfish (other than natural predation, poor spawns, etc.) to enter the breeding stock for the future of the fisheries. At minimum reduce the harvest from 2 per angler to 1 With a 2 fish boat limit. But I do not think this will make a noticeable impact in 5 years. Opening commercial shark harvests would be preferred to help with redfish comeback's. Recommend no harvest closure, not no target closure.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Carter Lyles
Email
lylesca95@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I make my living in the outdoor industry. I have watched the redfish fishery in South Carolina continue to decline y/o/y. I am finding smaller schools of fish in the wintertime and fewer tailing redfish during flood tides than I did six years ago. The anglers and guides I speak to who have been around Beaufort, SC who have been here pre-Covid have voiced similar observations. Please do NOT move from 40% SPR to 30% SPR. We want to keep 3.3 Option A! The outdoor industry and outdoor recreation plays a very strong role in our local and state economies. Doing the right thing isn't always easy, but it is always right.

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Tracey Bauer

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Michael Bailey
Email
mbailey729@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Do not lower the standard on our fisheries. If anything, you need to be strengthening our fisheries by limited the bag and adjusting the slot size. Do the right thing for your current and future constituents

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Tracey Bauer

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GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
John McCormick
Email
mccormickjd@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I agree with reducing the limit in Georgia

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Tracey Bauer

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Lee Adler
Email
ladler725@gmail.com
State
Florida
Comment
Support 3.3 Option A (Status Quo) No change to Spawning Potential Ratio (SPR). Lowering the target SPR from 0.4 to the minimum threshold of 0.3 is a short sighted move for a healthy fishery stock especially in the current situation where annual and three year weighted averages of SPR have consistently fallen short of both the current target SPR and threshold levels for more than the last ten years.

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Tracey Bauer

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jack Henderson
Email
jackhenderson31406@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
My kids and grandkids won't be able to catch reds if we can't do our part to keep this ecosystem healthy. Lowering the bar is a bad idea, and we need to keep it at 40%.

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Tracey Bauer

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Dawson Waters
Email
Dtwfishing@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
My name is Dawson and for the past 21 years of my life I have seen a dramatic change in our fishery here around our local rivers and sounds. I have been fishing the waters around Savannah Georgia for as long as I can remember and just from my small life on the water I have noticed a dramatic decrease in the red fish stock. I have been noticing less and less fish in the past 8 to 9 years and it's not getting much better from what I can see. I feel as if we need a drastic change in our red fish stock laws and regulations to help prevent our fishery from getting worse than it is now. In hopes of restoring some of what we have lost in the past few years.

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Tracey Bauer

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Lisa Gore
Email
lisagore123@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
To the Commission, Thank you for the hard work you all have put in to collecting data for the draft of this addendum. First, and most importantly, I want to express my deepest concern on 3.3, the changing of the SPR. I am vehemently opposed to lowering the SPR from 40% to 30%. Considering the southern states are overfished and overfishing is continuing, this seems incredibly short sighted and would effectively just be moving the goal post in order to look out for short term interests as opposed to a long term conservation plan. Therefore, I implore you to stay with Option A: Status Quo for item 3.3. Based on science and precaution, I support these to protect redfish while allowing access: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Mark Munn
Email
savreds61@att.net
State
Georgia
Comment
I ask that the board vote for Status Quo 40% SPR and (-28% southern catch reduction). As a 64 yr old that has fished the northern GA waters for over 55 years I have noticed a major reduction in the redfish population and especially in the last several. Being that the Redfish is the state Gamefish we should be treating it as such and doing everything we can to protect it and make sure that there is a robust population for generations to come. I encourage both a reduction in numbers and also a slot size adjustment, with no captain count to be included. A boat limit of 9 fish is plenty generous enough.

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Tracey Bauer

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Dirk Resler
Email
dirkres@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Paul Murray
Email
p99murray@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.3 Option A (Status Quo) No change to SPR

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Rayfield Reeves
Email
Rayfieldreeves@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Even after the regulations are changed to better our fishery. There will always be the issue of enforcement. We have very little, almost no enforcement on the coast. Especially for people not go to the ramp but instead going directly to to their own docks. That being said. I am in support for 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). The fishery has been neglected for so long change is definitely needed. Nothing gets better without sacrifice!

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GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Carla Futch
Email
carlafutch@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Based on science and precaution, support these to protect redfish while allowing access: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency. 3.3 affects Florida as well.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Thomas Shuler
Email
gil@gsgd.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
The addendum does not go far enough. Please put a moratorium on all redfish. We should not be able to keep any size redfish for at least up to a year. I fish redfish a lot and release them all. Also we should try and stop removing the fish from the water once they are caught. NO PICTURES!! If we don't get extreme on protecting this species, they will be all gone by 2030. All release, do not remove from water. Thanks.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
William Grabowski
Email
wmgrabowski@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I am leaving comment in opposition of lowering the current red fish Spawning Potential Ratio (SPR) from 40% to 30%. Currently, Coastal Georgia is seeing a significant reduction in the numbers of red fish in general and more importantly, a reduction in slot redfish (14 to 23 inches). The current reduction is a result of over fishing of Georgia waters. By reducing the SPR, it will make the already significant decline in our biomass of redfish, more difficult to recover from and increase the likely hood failure to rebound from over fishing.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Heather Jones
Email
jones0859@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Consider supporting long-term sustainability for Red Fish Please stay with Option A: Status Quo for item 3.3. In addition, I also support the following: 3.1 option B, 3.2 option A, 3.3 option A as described above, 3.4 option B (with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules) 3.5 option B

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
IWALANI FARFOUR
Email
infofarmcart@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).

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Tracey Bauer

From: Rick Friend <mandolinchef@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 10:58 AM
To: Comments
Subject: : [External] [New] Red Drum Draft Addendum II - public comment

I oppose changing to threshold (F30 – 14%) rather than target (F40 – 28%) based reductions. I really enjoy fishing for red drum and support the kind of management that fully protects this species. Managing to the target will ensure sufficient reductions in harvest that will allow for full recovery of the southern red drum stock.....something I like to see at least for my son and grandson.

2) In North Carolina, the current red drum regulations are already sufficiently conservative. One fish per day in a slot of 18 – 27” ensures access to the fishery and reasonable recreational harvest. Please do not decrease the slot length. Also, the commercial quota that results in gear removal once the limit of 250,000 lbs. has been reached is sufficient.

Thank you,
Richard E. Friend
5122 Burnley Rd.
Barboursville, VA 22923

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Tracey Bauer

From: Steve <otafsteve@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 10:47 AM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] Red Drum Draft Addendum II

To whom it may concern,

I've been fishing for red drum in North Carolina for over 60 years. While populations of some species, such as flounder, are obviously greatly reduced due to nets and inland shrimping, red drum are not. The current red drum regulations are already sufficiently conservative. One fish per day in a slot of 18 – 27” ensures access to the fishery and reasonable recreational harvest. Please do not decrease the slot length. Also, the commercial quota that results in gear removal once the limit of 250,000 lbs. has been reached seems to be sufficient.

I oppose changing to threshold (F30 – 14%) rather than target (F40 – 28%) based reductions. I really enjoy fishing for red drum and support the kind of management that fully protects this species. Managing to the target will ensure sufficient reductions in harvest that will allow for sustainability of the red drum stock.

Thank you,

Steve E. Mason
419 Little Creek Ln.
Pinnacle, NC

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Rick Crawford
Email
rcrawford@emergerstrategies.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Draft Addendum II to Amendment 2 to the Red Drum Fisheries Management Plan, and for all the work y'all do to protect our fisheries today, and in the future. As a concerned father and a recreational angler, I believe we must use the precautionary principle in order to have healthy, abundant fisheries. Below is how I think we can achieve that: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency. Thanks again for this opportunity and for all the work y'all do, but I feel strongly that lowering the bar for conservation is not the right direction for our fisheries. Protect what you love, Rick

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Tracey Bauer

From: Christopher Elkins <tarheelboatworks@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 10:02 AM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] Red drum Amendment II -Public comments from Chris Elkins PhD

Draft Addendum II to Amendment 2 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Red Drum

Northern stock comments

I do not support option 3.3.B. The council has asked for options (3.3 specifically) requesting a lowering of the mortality level to the threshold of **F30** instead of the recovery target of **F40**. This would allow for lesser reductions to be taken. For a southern stock that is in trouble, this borderline type of management would be risky. It could potentially allow managers to take about half the reductions needed to ensure red drum recovery (14% instead of 28%).

North Carolina. An additional reason is that we desperately need to retain a buffer. Specifically, regarding the commercial “bycatch” fishery in NC: More than half the commercial licensees do not have trip tickets associated with their name. This means that potentially the “bycatch” CAP could be more than twice the 250,000 lb that is the rule. Plus not having a buffer is like not wearing seatbelts and not having air bags-its just pure stupidity. It’s uncertain when you leave your house if you will have an accident, but you better wear your seatbelt.

The current regulations in NC seem to be working well-leave them alone. I do not support option 3.4.C.

Other Northern States. As for other states in the Northern region, there seems to be an increase in harvest. Furthermore, the diverse regulations need to be changed to a uniform, consistent size and bag limit-while keeping the SPR at 40%. I support option 3.4.B.

Option 3.1.

I don’t have strong opinions on this. But it could end up like Southern flounder. Chaos. Southern flounder should be ASMFC managed as a single stock but seems like NC is only state with significant reductions. Tragedy of the commons it seems.

Chris Elkins PhD

Gloucester, NC

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Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Hicks William
Email
fishgut204@yahoo.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Limit should be 2per person with limit of 6 per boat.

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Action Title
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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Andrew Bowen
Email
abowen@cohuttatravel.com
State
Georgia
Comment
OPEN COMMENT PERIOD Based on science and precaution, support these to protect redfish while allowing access: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency. After 30 years of the same regulations on Redfish Georgia's DNR has unfortunately done nothing to improve and help sustain our Redfish population for future generations. I certainly hope that the Georgia DNR will make appropriate changes so my kids, their kids can all enjoy this great game fish for the future! I when there is proven data that this fishery is moving in a negative way why wouldn't changes be made!

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
carole brucato
Email
brucatocarole@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Thomas Day
Email
tommy@reel23films.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
In North Carolina, the current red drum regulations are working well. They are already sufficiently conservative. One fish per day in a slot of 18 – 27” ensures not only access to the fishery, but that you can take home plenty for the table. In addition, a hard commercial quota that results in gear removal once the limit of 250,000 lbs. has been reached is sufficient. Furthermore, the tackle restrictions on the catch and release only over-slot old drum fishery has produced a world-class, sustainable trophy fishery that is an economic driver for eastern NC. With red drum being one of the few successfully managed individual fisheries in this state, there is NO NEED to change any of the current regulations.

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Tracey Bauer

From: Scott Nelson <j.scott.n@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 7:53 AM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] Red Drum Draft Addendum II - public comment

I oppose changing to threshold (F30 – 14%) rather than target (F40 – 28%) based reductions. I really enjoy fishing for red drum and support the kind of management that fully protects this species. Managing to the target will ensure sufficient reductions in harvest that will allow for full recovery of the southern red drum stock.....something I like to see at least for my son and grandson.

2) In North Carolina, the current red drum regulations are already sufficiently conservative. One fish per day in a slot of 18 – 27” ensures access to the fishery and reasonable recreational harvest. Please do not decrease the slot length. Also, the commercial quota that results in gear removal once the limit of 250,000 lbs. has been reached is sufficient.

Thank you,
J. Scott Nelson
60 Boone Trl
Weaverville, NC

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jonathan Nelson
Email
j.scott.n@gmail.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
1) I oppose changing to threshold (F30 – 14%) rather than target (F40 – 28%) based reductions. I really enjoy fishing for red drum and support the kind of management that fully protects this species. Managing to the target will ensure sufficient reductions in harvest that will allow for full recovery of the southern red drum stock.....something I like to see at least for my son and grandson. 2) In North Carolina, the current red drum regulations are working well. They are already sufficiently conservative. One fish per day in a slot of 18 – 27” ensures access to the fishery. Also, the commercial quota that results in gear removal once the limit of 250,000 lbs. has been reached is sufficient. Thank you, J. Scott Nelson Weaverville, NC

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Kevin Ferguson
Email
kfergus999@yahoo.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
I don't agree. I suggest slot as low as 15" to reduce unnecessary mortality, and 2 a day. If the point is to eat the fish, 2, as small as 15" could feed a family of 2-4 a meal. The smaller slot would also reduce throw back of injured fish that may not survive.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Joseph LaBelle
Email
joelabelle462@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I strongly oppose changing the SPR for red fish from 40% to 30%. We must protect this fishery for future generations, and if that means slightly tighter regulations, so be it. That is just the right thing to do!

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jacob Addison
Email
addiso2@clemson.edu
State
South Carolina
Comment
I would like support the proposed management option 3.3: Option A, to insure the SPR stays at 40% and not lowered to 30%.

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Action Title
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Action URL
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Name
Jack Rogerson
Email
scman4532@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Red drum should be 1 per person per day. As a charter fisherman there is definitely a decline in the population.

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Action URL
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Name
TJ Laughlin
Email
tigrey@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Highly recommend the tighter management and restrictions on red drum in the southeast states. With the large influx of population moving from northern states to southern states, this adds many, many more boats and fishermen to the waters, as well as much more land development to many of the creek side areas.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Nate Jackson
Email
nathant_jackson@yahoo.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Option 3.3

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Henry Hay
Email
hmay4@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
As a recreational angler I spend the majority of my time fishing for redfish. If the studies are showing what many anglers already know, we must enforce stricter bags immediately. The impact redfish have on local economies is too important to allow any overfishing.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Stephen Flook Jr
Email
unashamedadventures@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Based on the data presented from SC DNR on the declining redfish stocks, changing the limit to 1 redfish per person, 2 per boat, with an 18-25" slot makes the most sense. With the massive amount of population grown South Carolina has had over the past 5 years, the fisheries laws need to be more fluid with the amount of pressure put on the redfish stocks. This is basic common sense. Fishing and boating plays a huge role in the economy of South Carolina and bad press over declining fish stocks is bad for many industries and will hurt our incomes. Take action!

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Tracey Bauer

From: Jess Hawkins <crystalcoastecotours@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 4:47 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Attachments: Comments on ASMFC Red Drum Draft Addendum II.docx

Hello. Attached are my comments regarding the ASMFC Red Drum Draft Addendum II.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Jess Hawkins

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Tracey Bauer

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Barry Fitzpatrick
Email
magnus14stone@aol.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
If NC remains strong, there is no need to change limits. We still have not had an answer to gill net mortality for any of our fisheries, as well as inshore netting. Don't fix a problem we don't have in the redfish population.

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To: Comments
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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Bryan Rayner
Email
brayner1957@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Leslie Rayner
Email
classic0521@icloud.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Tom Wright
Email
wright_tr@hotmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I requested for you choose on 3.3 option A, (status quo) to ensure the 40% SPR.

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Tracey Bauer

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
larry Hill
Email
lwhill_7@yahoo.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
Lets BY GOD do something for our future generations! As a Grandfather of three beautiful children, please act for all our future children! We love to go to the coast at least once a year as a family and enjoy the bountiful the ocean God has given us. Please lets take care of the ocean and its bounty our God has given us!

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Nick Thomas
Email
nathomas936@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Brett Gore
Email
jbrettgore64@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I would like to voice support for Section 3.3, Option A, maintaining status quo of SPR target of 40%. Responsible stewardship of the fishery is a responsibility we all have to the resources itself, as well as our current and future generations. Please do not compromise the well established standards for protecting and maintains a sustainable fishery. Future generations are counting on us to insure their opportunity to enjoy and appreciate the fishery as we know it today, or perhaps in even better condition. Please maintain the SPR goal of 40%. Thank you.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Randy Klimek
Email
lemonislandfishing@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
3.3: Option A. Status Quo - States must implement an appropriate bag and size limit which will attain the target of 40% SPR or F40%

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Mick Brown
Email
starhillpro00@gmail.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
Being overfished in southern sector, recovery rate should stay F-40 and not be lowered. Also in favor of amending upper slot limit to 26 inches.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Alexandra McNeal
Email
alexandra1525@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I strongly OPPOSE lowering the SPR target for red drum from 40% to 30%. A 30% SPR should not be a goal, it is an emergency threshold that indicates overfishing. Lowering the target would only weaken protections and put our fishery further at risk. The 2024 stock assessment shows red drum need a 28% recovery to reach 40% SPR. Georgia has not updated its regulations in over 30 years, despite increased fishing pressure and clear evidence of overfishing. Now is the time to strengthen protections—not lower the bar. I support the following: 3.1: Option B – Establish process to adjust management measures. 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Maintain the F40% target to conserve the stock. 3.4: Option B for Chesapeake, Option C for NC – Align rules and reduce fishing mortality. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
David Creed
Email
dcreed83@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I VOTE FOR 3.3 STATUS QUO (No SPR change.) David Creed

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Daniel Swartz
Email
price.swartz@gmail.com
State
New Jersey
Comment
3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Lucy Crosswell
Email
lucyscrosswell@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
We are avid fly fisherman and have always lived on a river. Our family is encouraging the Committee to, at least, maintain status quo (voting yes for 3.3 option A)until better regulations are proposed.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Robert Aldridge
Email
rob@southeasternangling.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Based on science and precaution for the future of the fishery, I support these to protect redfish while allowing access: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency. Important option, get Georgia DNR to stand up for the fishery and adjust the states outdated regulations.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Sam Boyce
Email
sdb60411@hotmail.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
Please keep the current F40% target. Lowering the target to F30% will increase the likelihood of unsustainable harvest. Please align the Chesapeake Bay limits so that these are more consistent across the region. I suggest using the NC limits (18-27 w/ 1 fish per day), as a reasonable limit, and to make it completely uniform across all states in the northern region. Please keep the NC limit at 18-27. There does not appear to be a need to reduce this further at this time. Thank you, Sam Boyce

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Zeke Brant
Email
zekebrantsc@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
As a fifth generation coastal South Carolinian, avid outdoorsman and licensed fishing guide, I have personally experienced the decline in our fishery especially when it comes to our Redfish population. Lowering the SPR is not conservation, it is quite the opposite. It seems insane that it would even be considered, as it has been clearly shown that what we have going on here on the east coast is not sustainable. I would like to see the status quo stay, and there to be no change to the SPR on 3.3 option A, as I believe it is there to prove that our resources need protecting.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Michael Brucato
Email
michael.brucato@teachingstrategies.com
State
Massachusetts
Comment
3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Matthew Callaghan
Email
squirrelboystrikes@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
To whom it may concern, Redfish in South Carolina are not only prized gamefish, but they also play a huge part in driving the low country's economy. From tourists traveling from around the world to visit the low country, many find themselves in pursuit of Redfish. Whether that pursuit takes them on one of the low country's numerous fishing guides, or on their own adventure. They are still putting money into the system. But with the influx of people moving to South Carolina, and regulations staying the same. Populations of these redfish are taking a noticeable decline. Which is why we need to protect these fish and their ecosystems. That is why I support 3.1 Option B, 3.2 Option A, 3.3 Option A, 3.4 Option B, and 3.5 Option B. Please take my views into consideration and think about preserving these beautiful fish for generations to come. Thank you for your time, Matthew Callaghan

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
William Swartz
Email
danjasws@hotmail.com
State
New Jersey
Comment
3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Luke Adams
Email
dlukeadams1@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
No change to spr 3.3 option A

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
William Wingate
Email
willwingate@icloud.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Please keep the 40% threshold for breeding stock for redfish. Georgia should also lower its limit to two fish.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Steven Dibble
Email
stevendibble4@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
The SPR should not be lowered to 30%, and every effort to reach 40% SPR should be taken. In my opinion I believe we could even stop the harvest of redfish for a year at least. I believe us as fisherman love the redfish enough that the fisherman who harvest and eat redfish will sacrifice a year at least of harvesting.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Walker Blanding
Email
blandinw@musc.edu
State
South Carolina
Comment
SPR should not be reproduced. Limits must be decreased and breeding stock should be protected at critical times and places as has been done for certain fisheries offshore and with permit in Florida. Our stock has decreased dramatically over the past two decades of my time and must be protected for the future.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jamie Davis
Email
Jamiedavis1985@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Kurt Meng
Email
kurt.d.meng@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
My thoughts are as follows as someone who regularly fishes for saltwater species along Georgia's coast. 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
JOSHUA Hickman
Email
txgsu20@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Over fishing is an epidemic! True conservation starts at the government level. A change to these regulations pose a serious risk to conservation and the future of our fisheries. I support 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). As an avid outdoorsman and conservationist, it is my responsibility to ensure the future of our wildlife and preservation of our resources. Too many fish go to waste for the sake of a picture or bragging rights. We need more enforcement and regulation to prevent this behavior.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Clay Emerson
Email
clay.emerson@gmail.com
State
New Jersey
Comment
Members of the Board, I am a recreational fisherman who has started to shift my effort from the declining striped bass population to redfish. I expect more anglers along the northern extent of their range will also be doing the same thing in the very near future. Redfish bag limits should be more consistent across their range and I believe that both the GA and PRFC 5-fish limits are too high, especially with the increasing effort I believe these fish will be experiencing. In my opinion, the minimum size for the slot should be 19 inches. My comments on the proposed Addendum II options are as follows: 3.1: Option B 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) 3.4: Option B: 1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA) Option C: 1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot in NC 3.5: Option B Thank you, Clay Emerson

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Douglas Dearie
Email
ddearie@comcast.net
State
Maryland
Comment
Dear ASMFC Committee Members, I am a life long angler, and red drum are among my favorite fish. I grew up in Maryland, and have fished striped bass for many years. As their numbers have declined to near record lows, I have watched as more and more fishermen, travel into the Virginia portion of the Chesapeake to chase redfish. These redfish are the premier fishery in the Chesapeake bay today. And as they see more and more pressure, we need to scale our protection of the stock. Therefore, I support the following for the Northern Stock of redfish: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency. These changes will help keep this fishery robust, and the fish abundant. This is what matters to me most, and to all those I fish with. Thank you for your commitment to these fish and the fishery. Regards, Doug Dearie

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GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Susan Horton
Email
deannsusan@dariantel.net
State
Georgia
Comment
I live on the Ga coast and have fished McIntosh waters since 1974. I operated Kips Fish Camp from 1979 to 1992. I am retired and fish 2 to 3 days a weeks weather permitting. We do not have a shortage of Red Drum there are as many this year as ever. Just go fish on a shells rack. The fishing pressure in our area is less than it was when I ran the fish camp. The reason I know is I fish, you don't see the boats. Bottom line Georgia does NOT have a shortage of Red Drum. Sincerely Susan Horton

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Andrew Kettle
Email
looselines93@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Our redfish will never recover if we don't change immediately! We need a moratorium on red drum harvesting of 5 years, then reassess and if appropriate open to one fish per boat slot limit of 19-25" zero captains catch.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Brodie Brant
Email
brodiebrant2019@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
As a recreational angler I have seen the increase in fishing pressure and decline in redfish populations in the waters that I fish. I am in favor of tighter limits even to the point of complete catch and release if necessary to preserve the fishery for years to come. While I appreciate the commissions efforts in the management of the fishery, I am strongly opposed to changing the SPR threshold from 40% to 30%. Lowering the standard for states to meet does not improve the fishery in any way, but rather creates the illusion that things are ok when they are not. Thank you for your consideration.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Allison Thompson
Email
a.harris611@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I have witnessed our redfish stocks decline over the course of several years and I'm in support of reducing bag limits to help rebound this fishery. Please take action before its too late! I would like to see the following: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Gray Thompson
Email
G.thompson427@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I am a Georgia resident who was born/raised and fished the Georgia coast my entire life. I've personally observed a decline in our redfish population and think its imperative action be taken to protect this resource. I support the following. 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
James Fitzgerald
Email
JIMFITZGERALD@BELLSOUTH.NET
State
Georgia
Comment
Do not lower the SPR - Keep at 40%

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To: Comments
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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Charles Bales
Email
wade.bales@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Keep SPR @ 40%. No redfish harvest, catch & release only-all anglers in SC. Interesting guides are not considered commercial fishing. BS. Delayed hooking mortality, harvest and pressure from folks making a living off a public resource is completely unregulated. Now guided gigging is a thing. The average recreational angler is catching it in the pants. SC step up put your actions where your mouth is.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
John Murray
Email
jackm103@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Please maintain status Quo option A) for 3.3. This is important to the future of our fishery and the future. We hope to see more fish in the future.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Stodd McEwan
Email
ismcewan62@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Thanks for asking for public comments. Overfishing plagues our waters everywhere. We should not lower the standard from 40 to 30 as this only puts even more pressure on redfish. We have one of the best fisheries on the east coast here in the Beaufort area. Please help to preserve it! Thanks!

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Circe Tsui
Email
circetsui@yahoo.com
State
Georgia
Comment
As a concerned citizen and avid angler in SC, I want to submit the following. First of all, thank you for your hard work you have put into collecting data to serve the greater SC and Atlantic fishery. I want to express my STRONG and impassioned concern on 3.3, the changing of the SPR. Lowering it from 40%-30% would only exacerbate the problem, as the southern states are already overfished. Instead of it being something that actually shows a focus on conservation, moving the number is just moving the goalposts that acquiesce to short-term interests instead of thoughtfully considering and supporting long-term sustainability. Please stay with Option A: Status Quo for item 3.3. In addition, I also support the following: 3.1 option B, 3.2 option A, 3.3 option A as described above, 3.4 option B (with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules) 3.5 option B

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jack Trolan
Email
jacktrolan843@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Please maintain status Quo option A) for 3.3. This is important to the future of our fishery and the future. We should shut the red fishing down in SC. As a guide here I've seen a crazy decline in numbers. Most of us are catch and release now but it's not enough. We need to close it down.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Trey Fleece
Email
tfleece@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
The waters are like our gardens, we have to take care of them or everything will die. Do the right thing!

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Tracey Bauer

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Lindsay Podrid
Email
lpodrid@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
To the Commission, Thank you for taking the time to solicit public comment. It's a matter that affects all anglers and the future of the fishery. I am expressing my concerns on 3.3, the changing of the SPR. I am opposed to lowering the SPR from 40% to 30%. This seems incredibly short-sighted, prioritizing short-term interests over a long-term conservation plan. So, I would like to ask you to stay with Option A: Status Quo for item 3.3. In addition, I also support the following: 3.1 option B, 3.2 option A, 3.3 option A as described above, 3.4 option B (with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules) 3.5 option B

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To: Comments
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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Tyler Rozelle
Email
rozelletyler@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Please do not move forward with this SPR change. This would be detrimental to our fishery. I am a full time inshore fishing guide in South Carolina and I as well as every guide I have spoken to in the area all agree this could put even more strain on what is an already declining fishery. If you want to make a very large impact on our fishery then temporarily cut our limits to 1 per person and 4 per boat as well as changing the slot size to 15 to 20 inches. We believe this would have maximum impact by releasing more mature fish and more fish all together without taking away peoples rights to keep their catch.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
William Wilkinson
Email
BamastyleAGR@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
There are more red drum in the rivers in Georgia than there have been in years. While populations in Virginia and Florida may well be overfished this should not necessitate changes to Georgia's regulations when our stocks are more numerous than ever. Keep the 5 fish limit.

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Tracey Bauer

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Eric Smith
Email
ericsmith26@me.com
State
Pennsylvania
Comment
Please don't reduce measurement of success criteria for the appearance of conservation versus real conservation of fishery for future generations.

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Tracey Bauer

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Kai Williams
Email
kaiceratops@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Please maintain status quo Option A 3.3. We look forward to seeing more fish in the future. The fishery has declined and I see it every time I hit the water.

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Tracey Bauer

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Tom Brewer
Email
brewman9296@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I am against lowering the SPR to 30%.

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Tracey Bauer

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Rob Dozier
Email
rdozier3@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I think that commercial fishing should be the target of regulation here. Most anglers and guides fishing for reds in South Carolina are conservation minded. I personally haven't landed a slot red in a few years, as they have all been either an inch or two short or closer to the 30" range. That said, I don't think that I trust the commercial guys are self regulating or being regulated to the extent that they are following current rules OR that they would follow any additional rules and regulations. Making it harder for people to be motivated to get out and fish, like has been done with North Carolina's flounder regulation is something I do not want to see in South Carolina. It would hurt the sport fishing industry as a whole to over regulate recreational anglers. Thank you for your consideration.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Robert Gabriel
Email
gabegabriel73@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
A 40% SPR has been the TARGET that determines a healthy fishery since the late 1980's and early 1990's with 30% SPR being the threshold that determines if a fishery is experiencing OVERFISHING. Put simply, 30% SPR is the current alarm THRESHOLD with the 40% SPR TARGET being the buffer to give a fishery time to make proactive fishing regulation changes before we reach 30% SPR THRESHOLD. It is crucial that we have our coastal fisheries maintain and strive to maintain the healthy of our fishery for the 40% SPR to allow us enough time to react and adjust regulations. Based on science and precaution, support these to protect redfish while allowing access.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
george anthony zyvoloski
Email
gazyvoloski@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Thank you for your for looking after the Redfish on the East Coast. PLease : No SPR CHANGE (status quo)!

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Tracey Bauer

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Patrick Jakab
Email
pjakab2000@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
As a South Carolina angler and someone who cares deeply about our coastal waters, I'm writing to strongly support tough, science-based conservation measures in the Red Drum Draft Addendum II. The latest stock assessment makes it clear that the southern stock is overfished and experiencing overfishing, and we can't afford to wait. I urge you to choose the most conservative management options—including tighter bag and slot limits and managing to the F40% target—to give red drum the best chance to recover and thrive. Redfish are one of the most iconic and exciting fish to catch in our state. Taking strong action now will help ensure healthy populations for future generations of anglers, families, and everyone who loves our coast. Thank you for listening to public voices and for working to protect this incredible fishery.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Blake Thompson
Email
bthompson832@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I am against lowering the SPR to 30%
Keep it at 40 and address the issue on a state or region basis

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jessica Kochman
Email
kochmanjessica@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Voting for 3.3 option A

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Tracey Bauer

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Brandon Day
Email
daybrandon2001@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
NO SPR change!

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Tracey Bauer

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Scott Garrett
Email
sgarrett415@yahoo.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Please keep the SPR at 40% 3.3 Option A (Status Quo) - Target F40% for conservatism (-28% southern catch reduction) I strongly oppose changing the sSPR for redfish from 40% to 30%. Shifting the goal rather than aggressively addressing the problem of declining fish stocks seems like a huge mistake. This is especially true since declining fishing numbers are correlated with increasing fishing pressure from coastal population growth that has no end in sight. Thank you!

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
John Sanders
Email
johnboyds@yahoo.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
No SPA change. The math doesn't work

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Blake Thompson
Email
bthompson832@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I am against lowering the SPR to 30%
Keep it at 40 and address the issue on a state or region basis

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To: Comments
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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Brandon Taylor
Email
bstaylor86@charter.net
State
South Carolina
Comment
I want to keep current SPR, no change to lower.

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Tracey Bauer

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Greg Barnes
Email
greg.alan.barnes@gmail.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
Thank you for the opening many channels for public comment on the Red Drum Draft Addendum II. As a board member (and on behalf) of the Cape Lookout Albacore Foundation, we discourage lowering the SPR. This is a moving of the goal posts that will most likely lead to lower long term abundance. This is not leaving the fishery in a better position. Also, when it comes to finding a replacement for Vaughn and Carmichael 2001 for modeling. It would be great to see the ASMFC look at more modern statistical modeling techniques that are flexible enough to leverage localized data and data at irregular intervals. Bayesian models are particularly well suited for taking ad hoc data and making predictions about different management options given the latest knowledge. There are US fisheries using state space Bayesian models. A hierarchical model might be interesting to explore as well. This could take some guessing out of the politics. It would be great if the different management options were presented in the probability there were to meet the management goals/thresholds.

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Tracey Bauer

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for DATE CHANGE: NC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

DATE CHANGE: NC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
DATE CHANGE: NC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/nc-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Joseph Harris
Email
joeharrisgc@gmail.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
Anything that can be done to help the drum in North Carolina would be great. This state could be a destination for people who fish for Bulls and Puppies. It would be an economic boost to Eastern NC especially. Hyde Co needs something other than a prison.

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Robert Myrick
Email
21sprocket@gmail.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
I vote for 3.3 option A

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Heath Whaley
Email
calikd08@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I am against lowering the SPR to 30%

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Tracey Bauer

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Mason Meredith
Email
nosam9200@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Keep option A, for this amendment. Also think about lowering bag limit to one fish per day, in South Carolina. Also think about raising the minimum length to 18" and shorten the maximum length to 20". This will allow healthy growth in new juveniles as well as continuing growth in premature fish.

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To: Comments
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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
David Reeves
Email
dreeves4300@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Our Red Fish fisheries are being overfished . We do not need to lower the SPR from 40% to 30%. Doing so basically just kicks the can down the road for the next generation to face. Let's address it now. Thanks David Reeves

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Tracey Bauer

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Nancy Hayes
Email
nkh1@mac.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Please keep the baseline at 40%! Save the fish!

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 5:15 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Rock Reed
Email
reed9204@bellsouth.net
State
Georgia
Comment
We have an over abundance of Red Fish in Ga ! The data in your report (assessment) is so full of holes and your own data shows that more Red Fish are being caught since your last assessment! There is zero evidence that any changes in regulations on the coastal waters is justified. Big government (Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission) please know that the Ga coast is healthy and don't put us in a one size fits all situation!

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Luke Rose
Email
lukejrose2007@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
3.1 Option B - establish process to adjust management measures. 3.2 Option A - ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3 Option B - target F40% for conservatism (28% Southern catch reduction). 3.4 Option B - with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); options C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) - Reduces F by 14% in VA, 11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5 Option B - modernize for efficiency. I am for these changes in Georgia, I think our Georgia redfish population is declining rapidly and changes need to be done quickly.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Gorka Sancho
Email
bizcarrondo@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
After reading in detail the Red Drum Draft Addendum II and attended the public presentation in Charleston. I am a recreational fishermen that targets Red Drum, and I am a fish biologist working at the College of Charleston. I would like to express my opinion on the proposed Red Drum Draft Addendum II sections: 3.1 Alternative State Management Regimes: I support Option B 3.2 Allow Alternative Methods to Estimate Fishing Mortality for Use in Management: I support Option B. 3.3 Management Program: I STRONGLY support Option A, keeping the Status Quo and the target of 40% SPR 3.4 Northern Region Management Options: I have no opinion on this sub-section 3.5 De Minimis Provisions: I support Option B

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Greg Lyles
Email
greglyles@icloud.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Please maintain the status quo (Option A) for 3.3 Thank you.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jordan Edney
Email
jedney3300@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I am against lowering the SPR to 30%.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Bryan Yelton
Email
Byeltonnpbc@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I am against lowering the SPR to 30%

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Thomas Turnbull
Email
thomas@littlejohninc.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I am against lowering the SPR to 30%

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From: Mark Kinard <kinardpond@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 3:23 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] I am referring to red drum my experience the last 2 years there are plenty where I fish and see no need for changes we have it strict enough now Georgia has a 5 bag limit per person

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Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Tim Cutting
Email
capt.timcutting@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Not sure if my previous input went thru. I suggest that for redfish an 18"-27" slot be implemented. A creel limit of 3 per person and a vessel limit of 9. I would not try to exclude captains catch as the difference is minimal and nearly impossible to enforce. A captain can voluntarily omit his catch. I believe this would potentially exceed the 35% goal. Also for anglers concerned about less "yield" going forward, 3 fish in the 18"-27" slot will exceed 5 fish in the 14"-18" range, which most anglers capture do to their geographic schooling patterns. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Bryan Yelton
Email
bjyelton9@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I am completely against lowering the acceptable SPR to 30%. This is not conservation. This adjusting numbers to make ourselves feel better. We need the fishery to improve if we are going to have it for many generations. If anything, the SPR should be raised from 40% to 50%, and bag limits should changed to meet that standard. If we lower it to 30%, we may as well be accepting defeat. Again, I and many others who actually fish and enjoy the resource are completely against lowering the SPR to 30%. Please do not squander away our resource.

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Tracey Bauer

From: G2W2
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 3:00 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Red Drum Draft Addendum II

I couldn't get survey to work but I fish in colleton beaufort counties and there are plenty of fish it seems it's getting better here over last few years and I don't want to see any more changes in catch

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Kinard <kinardpond@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 7:57 PM
To: G2W2 <G2W2@asmfc.org>
Subject: [External] I couldn't get survey to work but I fish in colleton beaufort counties and there are plenty of fish it seems it's getting better here over last few years and I don't want to see any more changes in catch

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Tracey Bauer

From: G2W2
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 2:58 PM
To: Comments
Subject: FW: [External] [New] I don't agree to a lower limit on redfish

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Kinard <kinardpond@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 5:38 PM
To: G2W2 <G2W2@asmfc.org>
Subject: [External] [New] I don't agree to a lower limit on redfish

I don't agree to a lower limit on redfish

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Tim Asbury
Email
tim.c.asbury@gmail.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
The options I support are as follows: 3.1 option B 3.2 option A 3.3 option A 3.4 option B for the Chesapeake bay - Option C for North Carolina 3.5 option B I belive these option best support the redfish along the eastern seaboard. I do not support lowering the georgia spr to 35% as opposed to 40 percent. May not pertain to the question here but I support georgia to increase the lower slot limit to 17 inches and reduce the upper slot to 26 inches with a 3 person limit and a 6 per boat limit. Also eliminate the captain catch as well. I want to say that the meeting in Townsend Ga was contentious,.The people conduction the meeting did a great job at defusing the few irate people and not rising to the bait when comments were made that it was rigged, or that muscle was bought in to control people

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Terry OBrien
Email
tob8228@yahoo.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
3.3: Option A (Status Quo) - Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction) I'm strongly opposed to shifting the the sSPR from 40% to 30% - this change is completely unacceptable.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jason Johnson
Email
j.johnson56@comcast.net
State
Georgia
Comment
3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). In my opinion a more data would be better. Option 3.3 allows for that to happens as it buys time for collection...

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Adam Fahrer
Email
afahrer@releaseover20.org
State
South Carolina
Comment
I strongly support 3.3 Option A which recommends keeping the Status Quo of 40% SPR. We need the states to manage more aggressively to turn around the fishery, not less. In SC, our laws are created by the State Legislature, and I fear that lowering the SPR bar will encourage them not to adopt more restrictive measures to help the fishery. Thanks, Adam

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
John Walterick
Email
walterickjohn@gmail.com
State
Florida
Comment
Please, for the love of god do not lower it. Raise it We don't want people to overfish, and if you lower it to thirty percent, it's gonna cause less fish every year And it's going to become a domino effect. Why is it that we can't just apply science And common sense to this more is better. That is just common sense applied... and if you determined that you could do a certain amount, why not go a little bit higher than that? Why not give us a little bit of wiggle room here????? I can't stress this enough. You have to think long term

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Kyle Morella
Email
kylemorella@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I am writing to express my support for 3.3 Option A (Status Quo), which maintains the spawning potential ratio (SPR) target at 40%. It is essential that we continue to manage this fishery conservatively, and keeping the SPR at 40% provides the best path toward ensuring a healthy and sustainable stock for the future. I recognize that Option A results in approximately a 28% southern catch reduction. While reductions are never easy, these measures are necessary to uphold conservation goals and give the fishery the best chance to thrive long-term. Allowing the SPR to slip below 40% would risk undermining years of hard work and progress in rebuilding and stabilizing this stock. The communities, businesses, and recreational anglers who depend on this resource all benefit from a healthy, resilient fishery. By maintaining the 40% SPR standard, the ASMFC demonstrates its commitment to sound, science-based management that balances access with sustainability. Thank you for your time and for your continued efforts to protect this valuable fishery resource. Respectfully, Captain Kyle Morella

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
James Van Alen
Email
vanalenj@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I love fishing for redfish in South Carolina. Please help us protect and hopefully improve our resource! Please consider making the slot limit tighter. On the small end of our slot, those fish are too easy to come by when they school up inshore. And a less popular request would be limiting the bag limit to 1 fish per angler. Thank you for considering and for all of the hard work!!

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Lindsey Curcio
Email
lindseycurcio@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I support maintaining the status quo at F40%. While it is admirable that our DNR is targeting 35% for the time being, I believe that we should be continuing to aim for the higher target rather than lowering it. I fear that lowering the target will result in complacency and this problem will persist.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jeff Hager
Email
jeffhager55@gmail.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
I support option A to maintain a 40 percent spawning potential ratio as the target level

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
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Name
David I Edens
Email
DAVID.EDENS@HOTMAIL.COM
State
Georgia
Comment
I support Addendum 3.3 Option A, maintaining the status quo and keeping the SPR for a sustainable fishery at 40%. Any other option for managing the Southern Stock runs the risk of managing at a lower level, and having that the SPR level to fall below 30% for a sustained period of time before another stock assessment is completed--6-10 years until another assessment, and up to two years for stricter regulations to be enforced. It is time to act now to stop overfishing of the Southern stock of Red Drum. Respectfully Submitted David Edens

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Aaron Joiner
Email
aaronjoiner185@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Based on science and precaution, support these to protect redfish while allowing access: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency. 3.3 affects Florida as well.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Elizabeth Johnson
Email
betsybing@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I support 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) to keep the 40% SPR target in place. This precautionary buffer is essential for protecting redfish populations and ensuring sustainable fishing access for the future.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
ADAM JOHNSON
Email
info@lowcorods.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I support 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). Maintaining the 40% SPR is critical for sustaining a healthy redfish population. The 40% target has long served as an effective buffer to prevent the fishery from dropping to the 30% SPR threshold, which signals overfishing. By keeping the 40% target, we allow enough time to react and make proactive management decisions before reaching critical levels. This is the precautionary and science-based choice to ensure the long-term health and sustainability of our coastal fisheries.

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Action URL
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Name
Max Struna
Email
mlshhi@icloud.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Maintain 40%SPR

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Action Title
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Action URL
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Name
Elly Jones
Email
ellyjones76@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
It's urgent to listen to the guides and other industry professionals to establish improved regulations on the redfish fishery.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
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Name
Austin Young
Email
Austin.L.Young15@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
To the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Draft Addendum II to Amendment 2 of the Red Drum FMP. I fish and guide regularly out of Charleston, South Carolina, and have seen firsthand the importance of healthy red drum populations to both our local ecosystem and our coastal economy. The 2024 benchmark assessment clearly shows that the southern stock, which includes South Carolina, is overfished and experiencing overfishing. As such, I support the Commission taking decisive but balanced action to end overfishing while maintaining reasonable angler access. 1. Fishing Mortality Reference Point (Section 3.3): I urge the Board to adopt the more precautionary F40% level, rather than F30%. While the latter may reduce near-term restrictions, F40% provides stronger protection for spawning stock and will help rebuild the fishery more quickly and sustainably. 2. Alternative State Management Pathways (Sections 3.1 & 3.2): I support creating a process for states to propose alternative measures and methods for estimating fishing mortality. South Carolina's fishery is unique, with heavy charter and recreational pressure but also a growing fly fishing catch-and-release sector. Flexibility would allow states to design measures that reflect local conditions while still meeting Commission objectives. 3. Recreational Measures: For our region, bag and slot limits should be structured to protect larger breeding fish, as science shows lowering maximum size is more effective than raising minimum size. This aligns conservation with angler expectations, since most of us already value the opportunity to encounter trophy fish, even if not harvested. 4. Charleston/Local Impacts: Red drum are not just a target species—they are the backbone of our guiding and recreational fishing community. Overly liberal rules risk long-term declines that would harm small businesses, tourism, and cultural traditions. Strong, science-based management today will ensure red drum remain a sustainable fishery for future generations. Thank you for your consideration, Austin Young Charleston, SC

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Max B
Email
maxbroome122@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Red fish are everywhere. Leave limit at 5 per angler. There is plentiful out there.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
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Name
Hilton Thompson
Email
peeples.hilton@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
As a concerned citizen and avid angler in SC, I want to submit the following. First of all, thank you for your hard work you have put into collecting data to serve the greater SC and Atlantic fishery. I want to express my STRONG and impassioned concern on 3.3, the changing of the SPR. Lowering it from 40%-30% would only exacerbate the problem, as the southern states are already overfished. Instead of it being something that actually shows a focus on conservation, moving the number is just moving the goalposts that acquiesce to short-term interests instead of thoughtfully considering and supporting long-term sustainability. Please stay with Option A: Status Quo for item 3.3. In addition, I also support the following: 3.1 option B, 3.2 option A, 3.3 option A as described above, 3.4 option B (with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules) 3.5 option B Thank you, Hilton Thompson

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Name
JEREMY HOLT
Email
jholt@cumming-group.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
To whom it may concern. 3.3 Statis Quo Management Plan (Option A). I strongly oppose lowering the SPR from 40% to 30%. I feel we need to keep building momentum to a healthy abundant redfish population. I support reduced daily creel limits instead of boat limits to help curb guides taking multiple limits a day, as well as changes to the slot size that can be harvested. Thank you,

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Robert Carruthers
Email
rhcarruthers@yahoo.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Please keep addendum 3.3 at status quo (40% vs 30%). Would like to keep the fishery healthy for my sons/grandson's in the future. Thanks for your consideration RC

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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Ethan Call
Email
ethanbcall@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Please maintain status quo (Option A) for 3.3. An unhealthy fishery needs to be corrected, reducing take to more manageable levels will keep the states from closing fisheries, like what is being done in NC for flounder, partial closure of trout, and probably more species to come. Lowering the SPR to a "better" goalpost wont change the fact that the fishery is in trouble. Leave it at 40%, and make the changes to lower the limits and keep the fishery open. Allow the future generation to enjoy the fishery as we have.

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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Brian Hunter
Email
bchunter@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
To whom it may concern: Please retain 3.3: Option A (status quo) targeting F40% for conservation. I strongly oppose changing the SPR for redfish from 40% to 30%, based on the increasing coastal fishing pressure in my state of SC and the need to protect the resource for current and future anglers. Thank you, Brian Hunter

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Action Title
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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Bedford Cox
Email
dwcox1.backup@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I strongly oppose shifting SPR from 40 to 30%. 3.3 Option A status quo. I have lived in Beaufort, SC and fished the tidal creeks and estuaries of this area for many years. I have observed a clear decline in both size and quantity of red fish. This change would only serve to make the situation worse. Leave the target at 40%.

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Action Title
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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Rutledge Godley
Email
rutledge.godley26@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I do think for the benefit of red drum that come nearshore to bread in August/September need to be left alone those months. Those fish are the ones that ensure a healthy population and when they get caught and/or sharked, their survival rate diminishes greatly. Also, the slot range for red drum should be changed from 15" - 23" to 23"-27" As well as the bag limit. -Rutledge Godley

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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Joseph Bibbo
Email
jbibbo@sc.rr.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
My preference is 3.3 option A (Status quo or No SPR Change). Arbitrary lowering the SPR benchmark from 40 to 30 is not scientifically sound with regards to replenishing the red drum stock status. Rather it is bait and switch with no benefit to red drum improvements. Furthermore, it is hard for me to believe that the gill netting and close shore shrimping practices, off the coast of NC, isn't having a significant detrimental impact on red drum. Those of us that fish the area know that the by catch is significantly detrimental. Affecting red drum and other sport fish in the area. All practices of gigging and bow hunting of red drum should cease along the East Coast. Permanent areas of catch and release (no bait - similar to fresh water trout regulations) should be established in areas with reduced stock numbers of red drum. Thank you for providing me / us the opportunity to participate & provide feedback on this very important topic. Regards - Joe Bibbo

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Donald Stoots
Email
donald-stoots@comcast.net
State
South Carolina
Comment
3.3 option A is the only responsible choice never lower the goal when a species is in decline.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
CJ Mckennie
Email
crystalcreekbilling@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I support option A status quo, strongly

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Angelo Durso
Email
angelo.durso@protonmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Hello, As someone who tries to fish 2-3x weekly, 10 months throughout the year, I welcome this assessment and believe it to be 12-24 months overdue, based on my observations on the water. It is my sincere hope that Proposed Management - Option "A". Status Quo be implemented. Please do not interfere with and modify the existing fishing mortality level, and increase risk of unsustainable harvests and further stock declines. I am concerned this will prove to be poor stewardship and, in the long run, more harmful to our fisheries, leaving us all to consider more severe action in future years. Please, implement Option "A" - Status Quo. Thank you for your efforts, and consideration.

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Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Tim Cutting
Email
capt.timcutting@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
My recommendations after reading all the valuable information provided and fishing and guiding these waters for over 30 years 3 redfish per angler 18"-27" slot 9 fish max per vessel Don't regulate charter guides catch as it makes little difference towards desired results and is virtually impossible to enforce I believe this would obtain just above the 35% ratio you are shooting for. It would also deter harvesting the younger redfish that tend to school tighter and often stay very tight to genetically predisposed locations. Sincerely, Captain Tim Cutting fishthegeorgiacoast.com

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Robert Sankey
Email
bobbysankey1@outlook.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I strongly oppose moving the spr from 40 to 30%. Maintain the status quo

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jeremiah Van Orden
Email
jeremiahvanorden@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Please maintain status quo (Option A) for 3.3

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Bill Mckennie
Email
brmckennie@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I support option A, the status quo

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Chris Sword
Email
clsword65@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Comment regarding 3.3 Option-A (Status Quo) Target F40% for conservation (~28% southern catch reduction) I do not support moving from the “target” to the “threshold” percentages for Red Drum management. A more conservative approach may reduce access to this resource (harvesting fish vs catch and release) in the short-term, but will ensure the long-term viability of Red Drum for future generations and the sport-fishing industry that is built chasing these incredible fish. Recreational fishing will continue to grow in popularity and it is critical for the future of our fisheries to maintain regulations or even tighten them.

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Action URL
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Name
Jackson Blackburn
Email
blackburn.jackson@gmail.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
Cash is king. Saltwater anglers chasing redfish travel to the coast for this opportunity and will bring an economic boost with them. From lodging, restaurant reservations, and guide and license fees, depleting this fishery further will evaporate this taxable income. Anglers with this disposable income will readily pivot to Texas and Florida with bigger and healthier fisheries.

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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Tuck Scott
Email
tuck@buildinganglers.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
3.3 option A please keep Status Quo. The fact this is even a question is mind blowing. Changing the standard from 40 SPR to 30 SPR is the opposite of conservation especially in a degrading fishery. Please help children still have the fish to fish for and make states adhere to 40 SPR

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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Traci McKennie
Email
tkmckennie@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I support option A to maintain the status quo

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Action URL
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Name
David Slawson
Email
slawson.david@gmail.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
My son and I make a trip to Beaufort South Carolina every fall. We love the area and we stay for close to a week. Our major activities is fishing for redfish. We look forward to it every year. We are concerned to hear that the fishing quality is getting worse as a result of increased fishing pressure. We strongly urge policy makers to protect the fishing and most importantly not to lower the percentage of SPR. We tell many of our friends about our trip and posted it on social media and it has encouraged many others to follow us there.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Tim Mckennie
Email
cursus99@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I strongly support Option A (status quo) I want the most aggressive conservation measures for my fishery. In no way do I support the means by which by adjusting the math, states can pretend they're doing something or that the problem is not as big as it is. Adjust bag limits and slot size, not the math.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Megan Nellen
Email
marymeganhoward@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
As a concerned citizen and avid angler in SC, I want to submit the following. First of all, thank you for your hard work you have put into collecting data to serve the greater SC and Atlantic fishery. I want to express my STRONG and impassioned concern on 3.3, the changing of the SPR. Lowering it from 40%-30% would only exacerbate the problem, as the southern states are already overfished. Instead of it being something that actually shows a focus on conservation, moving the number is just moving the goalposts that acquiesce to short-term interests instead of thoughtfully considering and supporting long-term sustainability. Please stay with Option A: Status Quo for item 3.3. In addition, I also support the following: 3.1 option B, 3.2 option A, 3.3 option A as described above, 3.4 option B (with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules) 3.5 option B Thank you, Megan Howard Nellen

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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Renee Mathai
Email
renee.mathai@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Even at 40%, which is the current status quo, the Redfish/red drum SPR is too low. I highly recommend and encourage you all to at least enforce this policy since the current numbers are 10% below this number. Shame on you.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Summerlin McAvinue
Email
sum817@yahoo.com
State
Florida
Comment
Please maintain status quo (Option A) for 3.3

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Action URL
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Name
Rob Mathai
Email
rob.mathai@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
While I think 40% is too low, I certainly think it is better than 30%. Having fished the water off Beaufort for over 15 years, I can personally speak to the degradation of the fishery. We need to offset the increased pressure with a higher SPR.

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Action URL
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Name
Renee Mathai
Email
renee.mathai@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
3.3 Option A. Do NOT change the SPR for the redfish. Keep it at 40%.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Stephen Doyle
Email
smdoyle997@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
After reviewing the report I firmly support 3.3 option A to allow continued conservation and protection of this important fishery. This area of SC is experiencing continued population growth and resultant fishing pressure increase for this important wild resource. Without continued enforcement, we will see decreasing harvest numbers and a direct threat to the future sustainability of this important natural resource. Stephen M. Doyle 09/24/25

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Action URL
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Name
Jon Gore
Email
jgore712@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
To the Commission, Thank you for the hard work you all have put in to collecting data for the draft of this addendum. I am a charter captain in Beaufort, SC and redfish are what pay my bills. So this is very near and dear to me, people that depend on me, and many friends and co workers as well. I am fortunate to spend as much time on the water as I do, and I see the overfishing trends playing out with increased fishing pressure. First, and most importantly, I want to express my deepest concern on 3.3, the changing of the SPR. I am vehemently opposed to lowering the SPR from 40% to 30%. Considering the southern states are overfished and overfishing is continuing, this seems incredibly short sighted and would effectively just be moving the goal post in order to look out for short term interests as opposed to a long term conservation plan. Therefore, I implore you to stay with Option A: Status Quo for item 3.3. Based on science and precaution, I support these to protect redfish while allowing access: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Ryan McAvinue
Email
rmcavinue@yahoo.com
State
Florida
Comment
Please maintain status quo (Option A) for 3.3

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Tracey Bauer

From: Kevin Dezern <kevindezern83@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 7:08 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] Red drum

Please keep 40% spr and give states options to meet this.

Kevin dezern (912)996-2452

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jason Metzger
Email
metzger.outdoors22@gmail.com
State
Pennsylvania
Comment
Please maintain status quo (Option A) for 3.3

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Dean Hager
Email
deanhager16@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I support status quo option in the amendment (3.3a) to best protect Red Drum from continuing over fishing. I'm a long time Red Drum fisherman in Hilton Head Island (1998-present). The increased pressure on these fish is obvious w population growth and # boats targeting them. Through lack of conservation we've already irreparably damaged the local flounder population (dramatically reduced # fish and # large fish) Please do not lessen the conservation efforts on Red Drum. They need tough protection efforts, and I do not support lowering SPA from 40-30%. Thank you for all you do!

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Name
John Hawthorne
Email
jhawthorne42@yahoo.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
Stricter laws won't solve illegal fishing. But it sure will help. Enforcement of these laws is a whole different beast. The less fish we can take, exploit, and kill, the healthier our entire marine estuaries will be. Change needs to happen.

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Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Matthew King
Email
redstar211216@yahoo.com
State
Massachusetts
Comment
Regarding Florida, Georgia, South Carolina redfish. Georgia, with a 5 fish limit is ridiculous. There should be a compromise in that limit. Move it to just 1 or 2 fish per person and have a no kill during spawning season. Try it for 5 years and see what the research says. Numbers should improve. I think in South Carolina the compromise should be 1 fish per day. If the fishery isn't healthy, people won't go there. That effects the economy in many ways....flights, lodging, guides, tourism... Do better!!!

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Action URL
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Name
Robert McAlister
Email
robertmcaster4@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
My name is Robert, I am 20 years old and have been fishing in Beaufort, SC from a very young age. I don't think lowering the SPR is the right thing to do to properly conserve our fishery. 3.3 option A, status quo or no SPR change would be the better option.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jeff Mason
Email
jeffmason57@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Vote 3.3 option A Stays quo or no SPR change

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Dawson Cherry
Email
dlcherry@aol.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
As a longtime inshore South Carolina fisherman and also as a member of the release over 20 board. We need to change; we need to react. We need to start doing something for the fishery due to the pressure and human population increase in our area. Many of the spots that I fish in the last 30 years are not the same. The fish population is down by survey and by anglers on the water. Let's make a difference, let's do something today. Thank you for your time and consideration Dawson Cherry.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Troy Anderson
Email
wtroyanderson@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I am a recreational angler of 25+ years on Coastal Georgia. I am in favor of the following Management Options: 3.1 Option B 3.2 Option A 3.3 Option A 3.4 Option B (Chesapeake Bay) Option C (NC) 3.5 Option B I also believe Georgia should raise slot limit to 18" minimum and reduce bag limit to 2 fish per angler/ limit 6 per boat

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Tracey Bauer

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
DANNY LEIGH
Email
danny.leigh18@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I catch many more reds than trout and do not think that the redfish are over-fished in GA. If limits are needed to be reduced I say reduce the creel limit from 5 to 3 and keep the length limits the same as they currently are.

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Tracey Bauer

From: Nick Jones <nick@saltwaterguidesassociation.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 10:04 AM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Hello!

Thank you for taking our public comments over the past few days regarding the Draft Addendum II for Red Drum.

I am a recently retired guide and now contract with many of the large brands in the fishing industry, as well as being a recreational angler. I travel a lot to fish for redfish—we are lucky to still have them around, considering that other species like striped bass are no longer around in the same numbers they used to be.

I urge you to take precautionary action to prioritize the abundance of this amazing species that drives a huge connected coastal economy. Selfishly, I want future generations to have the same opportunities and memories that I have had! It makes no sense to keep making the same mistake of waiting until a species is in a critical position before taking action.

Based on science and precaution, I support the following proposed management options for Draft Addendum II :

- 3.1: Option B
- 3.2: Option A
- 3.3: Option A
- 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules.
- 3.5: Option B

Additional concerns:

5 fish bag limits for PRFC and GA are unacceptable, especially with a vulnerable species. A 2-3 fish bag limit is more reasonable, considering the state of the fishery.

Lastly, the minimum size limits for GA and SC at 14" and 15" respectively are too low. Juvenile fish all congregate together in the colder months, making them more vulnerable. I would love to see the minimum size to get pushed to 18" to help further protect those juveniles (especially since there is still a 5 fish limit in GA!).

Thank you so much for all you do for our shared natural resources. It is sometimes a thankless job, but we know all of the challenges involved with these processes and want to thank you again.

Best,

Nick

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Henry Clark
Email
thc16@aol.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I don't understand why you want to change the catch limits and size. I think you need to regulate the amount of fish that the guides are catching and not average anglers. I fish the bushy park area of the cooper river and it takes me an hour to drive there. If the catch limit is changed it would not be worth my time to fish or even buy a license.

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Tracey Bauer

From: Joe Kowaleski <joeblerone@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 10:30 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Hi Tracey.

Thank you for giving anglers a chance to have questions and voice concerns.

I have a genuine concern for South Carolina's lack of knowledge and research into the mortality rates of redfish due to improper tackle such as the use of non-offset circle hooks and j hooks. We also do not question handling techniques of caught fish.

In a fishery that is admittedly a primarily "catch and release" fishery the only options in improving redfish stocks is to implement size and creel limits?

This doesn't make sense to me.

What good is limiting an angler to keeping one or two fish when he spends the entire day gut hooking fish because of bad gear.

Every fish caught is a weakened fish, even with best handling techniques.

But fishes with hooks left in their throats are now fodder for sharks, dolphin, and their own eventual mortality because they may bleed out or cannot feed because of the hook placement.

A lack of study and knowledge of these stats is, in my opinion, negligent on a state and amsfc level.

A few years ago, I was involved in a study on blacktip sharks with SCDNR that stretched over two summers.

This study involved multiple land based anglers and multiple boat based anglers. A friend and I caught the most sharks of that study. We achieved a zero percent mortality rate. The study as a whole, saw roughly one out of 5 blacktips die.

I'm all for catch limits and slots but without mandatory gear changes I may as well throw out the inline circles and go back to j hooks for red snapper year round since there is no science or study on the them.

Thank you for your time. Hope this wasn't too long winded.

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SC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Charles Oskes
Email
chuckoakes@icloud.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I believe the biggest threat to Red Drum is the charter/guided fishing services. I live in the Charleston SC area. I fish about 30 times a year and have for the last 25 years. I frequently travel the Charleston area bridges and visit waterfront properties for my work. I pay attention to whom I see fishing while we are working. I've increasingly seen guides fishing areas that are known to hold large numbers of redfish. I think with the advent of satellite imagery and the use of drones the guides have essentially found and shared all the good spots. Whereas I might fish one of these "spots" once every few trips and rarely take fish these guides are visiting these "spots" daily and there customers are taking their limit as they feel entitled. Not to mention the over slot fish that are caught and the mortality rates with those catches. Many guides offer trips specifically to target over slot fish and many big fish are harmed. I don't know the solution. Maybe it's to limit the creel on charter/guide boats. Or maybe limit the amount of days in a week/month a guide can fish? Or limit the number of guide licenses? Either way I do believe the guides are the problem. I saw an article on the local news site about the meeting today and felt I really needed to make a comment. Thank you for your work to protect the Red Drum fishery.

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GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Mike Hatcher
Email
mike_hatcher@comcast.net
State
Georgia
Comment
Good Evening, Unfortunately I am unable to attend the Georgia meeting in person. After reviewing the draft proposals, the only option that makes sense to me is 3.3 STATUS QUO (No SPR change.) I cannot support reducing the SPR to 30%, that is simply moving the target to make the current data look less concerning. We need to keep the current 40% SPR level and reduce our bag limits to allow the redfish stock to recover to acceptable levels. Thank you, Mike Hatcher

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Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for SC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

SC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
SC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Newman Weaver
Email
newman@gtownkingfisher.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Redfish are severely overfished. Reduce bag limits, or moratorium, required.

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Tracey Bauer

From: G2W2
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 5:21 PM
To: Comments
Cc: Tracey Bauer
Subject: FW: [External] [New] Concerns with the red fishery in GA

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Twitty <mwtwitty30@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 7:35 PM
To: G2W2 <G2W2@asmfc.org>
Subject: [External] [New] Concerns with the red fishery in GA

I am very concerned with the future of the red fishery in Georgia. I wasn't able to comment on the app/virtual meeting.

Common sense is all you need when thinking about needing an update to regulations seeing the changes in both angling pressure and the overall changes to a fishery in 20+ years.

Secondly, a passion and a great love of the resource requires us to think not only of ourselves, but also for our children and for the home waters that we all share.

We need to be wise stewards of what we have, and if we don't take action now, we won't have much to protect in the future. Please listen to the great guides and anglers that are on the water daily. We need better safeguards for our resource. Our current regulations are not sustainable.

Sincerely hoping for change,
Michael

Sent from my iPhone

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SC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Bryant Wilson
Email
capt.bryant@theslackwatergroup.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I am a full time fishing guide in the Charleston area and air in the board of directors for the South Carolina Fishing Guides Association (SCCFGA) I personally have witnessed the decline in red drum populations, over the past two decades especially!... . I am in full support of reduced bag limits . I am also supporting the proposal of a “closed season” for bull redfish during the months of August and September. An additional concept I would like to see explored would be an initiative requiring fish if 40” or more to be kept in the water during release to reduce the physical stress on larger specimens . Thank you for your consideration ! Kindly , Capt. Bryant Wilson

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Action Title
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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Ben Austin
Email
banjoaustin@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Please lower the GA daily redfish limit to 2 fish a day per angler and no working guides permitted to keep fish as anglers while guiding. Let's fall line line w/the other neighboring State's regulations to help the overall population.

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Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
John Cabala
Email
jrockjrock@comcast.net
State
Maryland
Comment
Please implement closures (cannot target) during all spawning breeding areas and timeframes. Please implement catch and release for redfish to the maximum extent possible and large fines and advertise that all fines go illegally keeping fish will be publicized (made public). This would deter people from even considering breaking the rules.

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Tracey Bauer

From: Kirk Marks <kirkamarks@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 12:09 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] Redfish Conservation Comments

Hello,

I was unable to attend the meeting, but wanted to email to say that I support redfish conservation. The following options I am in support of:

- **3.1: Option B** – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures
- **3.2: Option A (Status Quo)** – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review.
- **3.3: Option A (Status Quo)** – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).
- **3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot)** – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules.
- **3.5: Option B** – Modernize for efficiency.

Thank you,
Kirk Marks

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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Mark McGarity
Email
markmg22@yahoo.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I've been C&R fishing for Redfish on the GA coast since the late 90's and have witnessed a massive decline in this once world class fishery. In the last 15 years the numbers of over-slot, inshore schooling fish has completely collapsed. As a result, old breeder bulls have not been replaced and their numbers have now started to crash as well, just like the ASMFC data shows. The cause is obvious. Leaving liberal creel limits unchanged for 35 years while the number of saltwater anglers in GA tripled, resulted in Redfish recruiting classes getting wiped out before they ever had a chance to reach maturity. Only a tiny number of fish are surviving to adulthood, not nearly enough to sustain the spawning biomass we need. This inaction has created a crisis that will take many years to correct and that's only if aggressive change happens immediately. To make matters worse, we now hear the ASMFC is considering lowering the SPR from 40% to 30% to conceal these past management shortcomings. Instead of making hard but prudent decisions to restore the resource, you want to move the goal post. This is unacceptable. Leave the SPR at 40% and do what it takes to restore our fishery.

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Tracey Bauer

From: Ashmen, Timothy <Timothy.Ashmen@amteck.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 7:20 AM
To: Comments; jesse.petrea@house.ga.gov; ron.stephens@house.ga.gov;
bill.hitchens@house.ga.gov; buddy.deloach@house.ga.gov; steven.sainz@house.ga.gov;
al.williams@house.ga.gov
Subject: [External] [New] Redfish Regulations

- Hold SPR at 40% for redfish (do not reduce SPR)
- Change redfish to a 3 fish per person limit
 - Maximum 9 per boat
 - Captain “no take”

As a angler on the GA coast I am speaking up to advocate for changes to the GA redfish regulations in order to increase the redfish stock. We need to ensure we preserve a way of life for future generations. The way we are going we are ruining our stock and the future of the fishery. We need to follow suit to what FL has done and listen to the guides and anglers on the water. Fishing is special to the south, families, and future generations. Please protect that for us, for our kids, your kids, grand kids..... The people who fish for redfish are asking for stricter regulations, that should tell you something.... The research also shows we need to make changes. What more facts do we need to see here.

We have not seen changes in bag, boat, and slot limits for way too long. Our fishery has seen an increase in pressure and we must react accordingly.

- Hold SPR at 40% for redfish (do not reduce SPR)
- Change redfish to a 3 fish per person limit
 - Maximum 9 per boat
 - Captain “no take”

Please listen to the public, the people on the water often. We need changes to preserve what we have or we will lose it.

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Zach Markow
Email
southernstylechartersssc@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Don't change SPR from 40% to 30%

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Public Hearing Webinar on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Public Hearing Webinar on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Public Hearing Webinar on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/public-hearing-webinar-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jessica D
Email
jlhangel@hotmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Based on science and precaution, support these to protect redfish while allowing access: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency. We want fishing for the future and to continue to drive outdoor and recreational spend.

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Tracey Bauer

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GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Christopher Ruff
Email
rccaga@yahoo.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I agree with the change to creel limit to three fish. However, I think the slot limit can be changes to 18-27 inches like some of the other states.

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Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for SC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

SC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
SC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Cleve Hancock
Email
browndogsportfishingsc@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
Strongly oppose the reduction in SPR.

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Tracey Bauer

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Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Matthew Roach
Email
matt.roach.586@gmail.com
State
Virginia
Comment
Dear ASMFC Committee Members, I am a life long angler, and red drum are my favorite fish. While I grew up in Maryland, I relocated to Virginia, building a home, expressly for the purpose of targeting these incredible fish. And as the stock of Maryland striped bass declines to near record lows, I have watched as more and more fishermen, as I did, travel into the Virginia portion of the Chesapeake to chase redfish for food and sport. These redfish are the premier fishery in the Chesapeake bay today. And as they see more and more pressure, we need to scale our protection of the stock. I support the following for the Northern Stock of redfish: 3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures 3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review. 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). 3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules. 3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency. These changes will help keep this fishery robust, and the fish abundant. This is what matters to me most, and to all those I fish with. Thank you for your commitment to these fish and the fishery. Regards, Matt Roach

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Tracey Bauer

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Action Title
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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Brandon Day
Email
daybrandon2001@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Protect our redfish! 40% increase in fishing pressure over the past 10 years. No slot changes to Redfish regulations in the past 20 years and no limit changes in 30 years. Our captains and recreational anglers are seeing a decline in Redfish and smaller Redfish under 17" on our flats. There is an abundance of data and research to support Redfish regulation changes from the DNR's Coastal Resource Division including feedback from two (2) Redfish Town Hall Meetings, a Satisfaction Survey, two (2) Redfish Public Hearings and an official Open Comment Survey. CRD's Open Comment period resulted in 1,300 responses, of which 75% were in favor of ALL three measures. Proactive fishery management will ensure a healthier fishery and protect it for future generations to enjoy!

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 6:54 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Public Hearing Webinar on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Public Hearing Webinar on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Public Hearing Webinar on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/public-hearing-webinar-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Javier Fabrega
Email
marshsessionsangling@gmail.com
State
Florida
Comment
I am against the SPR change from 40% to 30%

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Erin Tallent
Email
erinlizt@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I oppose lowering the SPR threshold from 40% to 30%. Reducing this critical benchmark would weaken protections for Redfish and threaten the long-term sustainability of Georgia's fishery. Instead of lowering the SPR, we need to focus on the Coastal Resources Division's proposed regulation changes (a 3 fish per person limit, a 9 fish vessel limit, and a Captain's "no take" provision) which directly address the real issues of rising fishing pressure and declining Redfish numbers. The facts are clear: Fishing pressure has increased 40% over the past decade, yet bag limits haven't changed in 30 years and slot limits in 20 years. Captains and anglers are seeing fewer Redfish, especially juveniles under 17 inches, across Georgia's flats and estuaries. CRD's thorough research and public input, including town halls, hearings, and surveys, show strong public backing, with 75% of 1,300 comments supporting all three proposed measures. Maintaining the 40% SPR threshold and adopting these updated regulations is a proactive, science-based approach that will protect Redfish and preserve a healthy fishery for future generations.

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Public Hearing Webinar on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Public Hearing Webinar on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/public-hearing-webinar-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
James Ozamiz
Email
jrozamiz@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I wish to improve protections for our redfish and support the following: 3.1 option b, 3.2 option a, 3.3 option a, 3.5 option b.

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Tracey Bauer

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Scott Dykes
Email
georgialighttackle@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I strongly Oppose lowering SPR from 40% to 30%.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 4:09 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Matt Amman
Email
mattamman28@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Redfish population is decimated. Drop the limit to 1 fish/day or even take a few years off. Worked wonders for red snapper.

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Tracey Bauer

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Public Hearing Webinar on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Public Hearing Webinar on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Public Hearing Webinar on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/public-hearing-webinar-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Sloan Howard
Email
sloanhoward1@me.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I am against lowering the SPR for Red Drum in the state of Georgia from the current recommended level of 40 to a new level of 30. Our redfish in GA are overfished. I vote for option 3.3 Option A -Status Quo on the referendum regarding changing the SPR in Georgia. J. Sloan Howard 208 Oak Trace Drive Thomasville, GA 31792 229-227-7885

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Chase Simpson
Email
chase@talltidescharters.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I do not support an SPR reduction! I support a Georgia State creel limit reduction to at least the fish per angler but would prefer to see the reduction to two fish per angler, the removal of a guide creel limit, and slot adjustment. Our fishery deserves more.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 2:34 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Javier Fabrega
Email
marshsessionsangling@gmail.com
State
Florida
Comment
I am against the change the lowering SPR from 40% to 30%. Thank you, Marsh Sessions

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 2:30 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Chase New
Email
chasenew94@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Please lower the red fish limits. There are a lot more people here now and a lot more pressure on the fish.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 12:30 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Capt. Josh Rose
Email
mhcriverrat@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Hi guys, the GA DNR is severely lacking in discernment or someone has a knife in y'all's back. Lowering the SPR literally doesn't change the fact of overfished and overfishing our redfish stock. Don't understand how the DNR can acknowledge that fact, yet doesn't want to preserve the stock as is their duty. I am against lowering the SPR assessment numbers, I want to see a lower creel limit. The only answer to an overfished stock is to lessen the amount of fish being removed. Period.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 12:25 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Public Hearing Webinar on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Public Hearing Webinar on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Public Hearing Webinar on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/public-hearing-webinar-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
William Davis
Email
wdavis1013@gmail.com
State
South Carolina
Comment
I urge you to manage the red drum population for abundance. Please take whatever actions are required to turn around the fishery decline. I am willing to do my part as a recreational fisherman.

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Tracey Bauer

From: G2W2
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 10:26 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Red Drum Draft Addendum II comments

From: John Mahon <jmahonsc@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 4:49 PM
To: G2W2 <G2W2@asmfc.org>
Subject: [External] [New] comments:

In order for this assessment to be creditable, I feel it must take into consideration the variability of natural mortality throughout the surveyed regions.

I have witnessed porpoises running schools of red drum up on mudflats many times. This goes on daily and it is a contributing factor to red drum mortality.

That the porpoise is the mortal enemy of the red drum is well known and must be included in any credible assessment of red drum mortality/management.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2025 2:01 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
John Cox
Email
jcox3222@comcast.net
State
South Carolina
Comment
To whom it may concern: My name is John Cox and I reside in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. I have fished the local coastal waters for red drum (<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>) since the early 1970s, both recreationally and as a licensed fly and light-tackle guide. I no longer hold a Captain's license nor do I guide; however, I still target red drum recreationally. Over my nearly 25 years of guiding all red drum were released and many were tagged. I still release all red drum and I used barbless hooks. I also served on the South Carolina Coastal Conservation Association (SCCCA) for 10 years. During my time on SCCCA we lobbied the South Carolina state legislature to reduce both the slot size and creel limits as well as granting the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources limited rule making authority. Both of these measures seemed to positively impact red drum stocks. Today there is an unsustainable number of fishing guides working the Charleston area and the area appears to be severely over-fished. I strongly support a moratorium on keeping any red drum until such time as stocks recover. Thereafter, I would support a one fish/day bag limit and an 18-24 inch slot size. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue that is important to me. John Cox 725 Dragoon Drive Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 5:00 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Kevin ROSE
Email
kevin@elevatedbasement.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Please leave the sSPR at the current percentage and consider reducing bag limits more in line with Neighboring South Carolina.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 2:46 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
John McQuaid
Email
johnwmcquaid@gmail.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
I have fished for Red Drum in North Carolina since 1998. I strongly support maintaining and enhancing the Red Drum stock throughout its range. I support the following options: 3.1 B Establish Process to adjust management methods 3.2 B Establish Process to Adjust State Management Measures, Allowing for Alternative Methods to Estimate Fishing Mortality 3.3 B Establish Required Fishing Mortality Level of F30% 3.4 B Chesapeake Bay Jurisdictions modify and align limits and slots 3.4 C North Carolina Modify Slot Size Limit Modifications 3.5 B Update De Minimis Provisions

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 10:45 AM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
[REDACTED]
Email
[REDACTED]
State
Georgia
Comment
I am 75 years old and I have never seen or caught as many Redfish as I have in the past two years. I grew up on the Southside of Savannah on the water, and I live on the water now. I talk to a charter boat captain regularly and read fishing reports in the Georgia Outdoors News magazine. They report excellent catches of Redfish. Where do they get information about Overfishing?? I don't get it. Thank you, [REDACTED] Please do not use my name.

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Tracey Bauer

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Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 9:24 AM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Mike McCullough
Email
mike.mccullough10@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
This is really not hard to figure out, nor should it take forever to accomplish. Reduce the bag limit and raise the slot. Let's finally do something to protect this invaluable resource and help it recover to stable levels and beyond.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 7:45 AM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
John McGowan
Email
captjack@coastalrivercharters.com
State
Georgia
Comment
In favor of a boat limit on red drum of 6 fish. Increase minimum size to 15 inch. Reduce bag limit to 3 fish.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 9:00 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Scott WARDEN
Email
swarden97@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
We need to align our red drum management (daily harvest numbers) to be more aligned with FL, AI, MS and LA to preserve our valued species.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
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To: Comments
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GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Lamar Davis
Email
wdavis1975@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
With population growth and greater access to water, Georgia's waters have become overfished, and I fully support lowering the creel limit for Red Drum. In addition, captains on a charter should not be allowed to keep fish on behalf of their clients. These actions will promote more sustainable practices that will help preserve the resource for generations of fisherman and encourage more people to enjoy the great sport of inshore fishing.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 8:03 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Will English
Email
w.english983@maol.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Please reduce the limit in redfish. Our waters are overfished currently. We have people and fishermen moving to coastal ga in mass. We need common sense regulations to sustain a healthy redfish population. One or two red drum per day is plenty.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 4:28 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Sean Yeckley
Email
spyeckley@tightlinesfishingcharters.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Please decrease red drum creel limit from 5 to 2 fish per person...

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 1:10 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Jerry Audet
Email
indeepoutdoorsmedia@gmail.com
State
Massachusetts
Comment
Hello I am an angler from Massachusetts that regularly travels to Florida and occasionally to North Carolina to fish for red fish. I would like to comment on the proposed management actions in draft addendum III. 3.1 Option B 3.2 Option A 3.3 Option A 3.4 Option B for 2 fish per person each day, a 18-26 inch slot in the Chesapeake, an dOption C elements for North Carolina. I believe that reduces F by 14% in Virginia, 11% in NC. 3.5 Option B I also believe very small minimum sizes in some states are not supported by the best available science as to how to manage the population. Therefore, I want to push the ASMFC to increase size limits to at minimum that 18" size for the slot in the Chesapeake- that is, make that minimum consistent everywhere. Thank you Jerry Audet- Personal Stance on Issues, not representing any other businesses or constituents.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 11:18 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Andy Bowen
Email
abowen@cohuttatravel.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I strongly encourage changing / reducing the daily limit of redfish in Georgia due to data collected in an effort to improve sustainability to the redfish population for the future How can growth in people/ fishermen over the last 30 years not negatively impact a fishery under the same guidelines that were set 30 years ago? I cannot wrap my head around why it's been this long for proposed changes that haven't already been placed on a reduced limit

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2025 7:17 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Charlene Kicklighter
Email
julietglenn@gmail.com
State
Georgia
Comment
Would it help to allow 1 or 2 undersize fish as part of the bag limit? I know I hate to catch undersize fish & know they are not going to survive but are required to release them anyway. Also, I think a "per boat" limit of 10 fish should help. I would hate to see the 5 fish bag limit reduced. Would lowering the upper size limit release more spawning age fish?? For example 21" instead of 23".

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2025 11:08 AM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

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Action Title
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Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Elvira & Douglas Rivalsi
Email
DArivalsi1@comcast.net
State
Georgia
Comment
Protect the Georgia Red Drum and update regulations please.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 9:45 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for NC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

NC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
NC Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/nc-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
John Grass
Email
Waterlinecustoms101@gmail.com
State
North Carolina
Comment
I don't know what the Amendum is, but I assure you the red Drum stock is at incredible numbers. I had a 20 fish night in the surf other day. All fish where top of slot or over. A few extremely large fish straightened my hooks. The stock is plentiful and the fish where healthy.

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Tracey Bauer

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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/actions/red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Anna Rincon
Email
rinconanna@yahoo.com
State
Virginia
Comment
Adopt lower, more responsible fishing limits to stop overfishing.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 7:54 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Kevin Brogan
Email
kevin.brogan53@gmail.com
State
Florida
Comment
I fish in SE Ga. often and find plenty of redfish. My suggestion would be to increase the slot minimum to 15". You don't get much filet from a 14" fish.

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Tracey Bauer

From: ASMFC <info@asmfc.org>
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To: Comments
Subject: [External] [New] New public comment for GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II

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Action Title
GA Public Hearing on Red Drum Draft Addendum II
Action URL
https://asmfc.org/events/ga-public-hearing-on-red-drum-draft-addendum-ii/
Name
Brian Evans
Email
oflockerjockey@yahoo.com
State
Georgia
Comment
I am neither a scientist nor statistician, but according to the numbers, the fishery needs help. Fourteen inches is too short to be considered slot and a reduction in bag limits is obviously needed. I fish over 100 days a year and would hate to reach a point where they become considered a "unicorn" catch, as they are in some places in Florida. Please help the red drum! Thank you, Brian Evans

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I am located in SE SC, Beaufort county. I have actively fished reds over the last dozen years that I've lived here. I wade the tidal marshes targeting the redfish that enter the tidal marshes on our exceptionally high tides. I wade, as the high tides permit, about 50-70 times per year. Over the last dozen years I have seen a dramatic decrease in the red fish populations. I used to see several tailing reds per wading trip, now I'll see maybe one red in about 1 out of three wading trips. While I believe over harvesting may be part of the cause I suspect the mishandling of over/under slot size fish is a contributing factor as is poaching. I have witnessed, on several occasions, both native and immigrant populations taking and keeping every fish they can catch without regard to size and bag limit regulations. In several instances these were coordinated, near commercial level takings of hundreds of fish with hook and line of any and all fish but especially reds. Implementing concerted educational campaign on the proper rigging and releasing of reds would help. Possible regulation similar to that of the tarpon regs in FL where no red over a certain size may be boated before release might be considered. Obviously, more funding needs to be made available for enforcement of the regs and anti poaching effort. Just my Thoughts as one who sees the resource on a regular basis. John Mathews Beaufort, SC

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First of all, I am a conservationist, and I believe in stringent scientific fact based conservation efforts, something I don't think we see from these so called commissions. I fish a lot of days on the Georgia coast and the marshes, I have caught - still catch, often release AND tag a lot of redfish over the years. I have an active 20 year old YouTube channel dedicated to fishing and that channel shows there is no decline in Georgia redfish populations. I am also a years long spear-fisherman and I personally see the offshore stocks of redfish and they're healthy as I've ever seen them. This so called Fishery Management Plan for Red Drum is nothing more than a backdoor attempt to add more regulation onto the backs of the recreational angler. What's worse is that this commission doesn't look at states individually but as a simply block of data. I think a better plan would be to develop more programs for habitat restoration and stock enhancement along with cleaning up their environment. Just look at the cargo ship removal and clean up in Saint Simons Sound that was incompetent at best and sent an unknown amount of chemicals into the marsh ecosystem that redfish thrive in. Better that more is done about the chemicals coming down the rivers and dumping into the ecosystem. I promise the people who love to fish, this is a backdoor attempt by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to simply increase regulation. And like the baseless red snapper 'science' - there will NEVER be a report that says the redfish stocks are healthy again and whatever regulations they stick us with can be removed. These commission people are like black mold, once they've gotten onto something there is no removal. I'd like everyone to notice at the end of the press release it clearly states: "Responses to new rules will be discussed at a future date" which means they ALREADY plan to implement new rules regardless of what we think. These meetings are nothing more than a distasteful box a bureaucracy has to check off so they can make things legal. They do not care what we, recreational anglers, believe, think or have to say at all.

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Limit should be per boat.. Not per person, also any commercial fishing (charter boat), should be catch and release..

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I've been fishing the Georgia Coast since 1989 and been a full-time guide for almost 30 years. Running a business on the coast of Georgia, I rely heavily on sustainable fish stocks, and a healthy estuary. I feel that the state of Georgia has done a poor job of managing the inshore fish stocks which include Red Drum. Georgia's own data has for years shown overall declines in the Red Drum stocks and as of date, has been completely ignored. That needs to change now. Scientific data shows we, as stewards of the fishery, and the GA DNR have a duty to protect our fishery from the overfishing that is taking place. This action does not need to be overruled by political agendas and the people's fishery needs to be managed for a sustainable future. If averaged out. I have fished the Costal Georgia Waters from the SC/GA line to the FL/GA line for close to 275 days a year for the last 30 years which is over 8000 days spent on the water. I fish for Red Drum (12-30 inch) in the creeks, bays, flats, and sounds along our entire coastline. The biggest declines seemed to have happened in 2010/12 and 2016/18 years with overall stock seeming to decline year over year in between. In some years there are areas on the Georgia Coast where we see greater spawning success which in turn gives a false sense that our stocks have rebounded and there is not a problem. However, this is unfortunately not looking at the big picture. Data shows fish move and more recent data from the DNR shows our fish traveling North and South sometimes into bordering states. If bordering states have made serious necessary changes when needed, why has Georgia Not? Bull Reds (spawning size fish) stock seeming to have declined severely as well. I feel this should be taken into account as the smaller juvenile fish are just not making it to adulthood and replacing those fish in the spawning biomass that are lost to old age, post catch mortality, and predation. If we continue to kill off the young stock, where is the future for our spawning stocks? There are many factors in fish populations as we all know but Georgia doesn't have magic waters. If anything, we have our own set of water quality problems that could and do affect stock. Habitat and flooding rains also play a roll. I feel data shows Georgia needs to follow South Carolina's creel limits and slot sizes. Georgia DNRs own data shows the best way to recover the stock is a 2 fish per person limit with boat limits. What if we made these changes and there was a huge turn around in the overall bio mass of fish? Couldn't we use that as an opportunity to raise the limit from 2 to 3 per person or just get it back so that Georgia is recognized as a fishing destination as it once was. There is a lot of revenue and tax dollars generated from a healthy fishery and I have seen that decline over the years. People coming to Georgia to fish versus people just here and end up fishing has flip flopped by probably 70 percent. It's in everyone's best interest for a healthy and sustainable ecosystem.

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I am a full time guide on the Georgia coast and have been for more than twenty years, I have seen a steady decline in the number of redfish over the past ten years. In my opinion the population of upper slot redfish is at a critical stage. I have also noticed an alarming decrease in the number of over slot(bull) reds in recent years. The state of Georgia is long overdue for a creel limit change. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

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Change the red drum size limits to include 1 over slot drum!

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Comment
To be writing regulations at a time of such consequential changes occurring in our marine environment at this moment which would at best be regulatory crapshoot with little chance of success long term. The marine heatwaves which are decimating localized fisheries on our Atlantic coast is causing any temperature sensitive marine species that have the ability to migrate to begin marching towards the poles or offshore to cooler waters. This time of uncertainty in forage fish availability or other factors like disease, heat stresses and invasive species such as the Blue Catfish showing up and decimating complex ecosystems. It may be in our best interest at this time research our effects on the marine environment at the terminus of an Ice Age that has been been on extreme overdrive by human activity and the direct effects of burning millions of years worth of stored carbon energy(fossil fuels) in a century and a half. It's time for a new management strategy for our waters, we should not be in the business of writing regulations that punish the user groups for what and where they catch our marine species. Rather a comprehensive approach to managing the quality of our marine environment by cleaning up our streams, creeks, rivers, estuaries, bays, sounds and oceans. Punishing the user groups for a declining resource that is not of their making is and has always been failure waiting for a place to happen. The resources are crashing and/or migrating out of areas that we manage. This system is broken and I believe in total need of reformation. Thx Captain Cecil Jones

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Comment
If your study is accurate then proceed to protect the red drum !

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Georgia

Comment

Please implement tighter regulations to protect our fisheries and ability to enjoy them. We need to start stepping up to reset this trend. Short term pain for long term gains should be the mindset. We have seen how fast populations can return when given the chance to do so.

Tracey Bauer

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Comment
To whom it may concern, 3.3: Option A (Status Quo) - Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction). I strongly oppose changing the SPR for red fish from 40% to 30%. Shifting the goal post rather than aggressively addressing the problem of declining fish stocks seems like a huge mistake. This is especially true since declining fishing numbers are correlated with increasing fishing pressure from coastal population growth that has no end in sight.

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Comment

To the Commission,
Thank you for the hard work you all have put in to collecting data for the draft of this addendum.

First, and most important, I want to express my deepest concern on 3.3, the changing of the SPR. I am vehemently opposed to lowering the SPR from 40% to 30%. Considering the southern states are overfished and overfishing is continuing, this seems incredibly short sighted and would effectively just be moving the goal post in order to look out for short term interests as opposed to a long term conservation plan. Therefore, I implore you to stay with Option A: Status Quo for item 3.3.

Based on science and precaution, I support these to protect redfish while allowing access:

3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures
3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review.
3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).
3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules.
3.5: Option B – Modernize for efficiency.

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Comment

I am a SC coastal resident and an avid inshore and nearshore fisherman.

I wholeheartedly support conservation of our fisheries and unfortunately have seen a sharp decline in our Red Drum population. Although I understand that a variety of factors contribute, it is my observation that our breeding stock of mature fish is under severe stress, which obviously results in lower immature populations. I want to make my voice heard to give the recreational opportunities, that the Rec Drum fish species provides, to our future generations. I support the following options, particularly 3.3 Option A.

It is my opinion that a reduction in the bag limits of the current SC "slot" fish should be researched in terms of the impact to future Breeding Stock populations.

Also I urge consideration and research into of the mortality rates for "overslot" breeding fish populations. It is my observation that the mature breeding fish are often unsuccessfully "released" only to quickly expire due to swim bladder swelling, mishandling, and predation upon release.

3.1: Option B – Establish Process to Adjust Management Measures

3.2: Option A (Status Quo) – Ensure new methods undergo rigorous review.

3.3: Option A (Status Quo) – Target F40% for conservatism (~28% southern catch reduction).

3.4: Option B with 2 fish/person/day, 18"-26" slot in Chesapeake Bay (MD, PRFC, VA); Option C elements for NC (1 fish/person/day, 19"-25" slot) – Reduces F by ~14% in VA, ~11% in NC; aligns rules

PRFC and GA Bag Limits: 5-fish limits are too high for a vulnerable species—advocate reducing to 2-3 for consistency and conservation.

GA and SC Minimum Sizes: 14" (GA) and 15" (SC) are too low. Small redfish congregate in winter, making them easy targets.

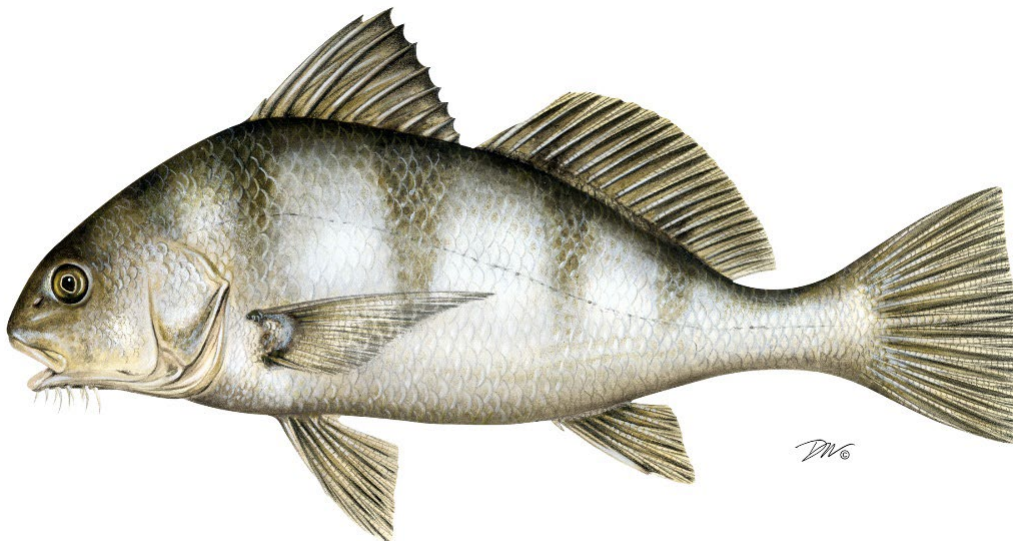
Push for 18" minima to protect juveniles

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ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
REVIEW OF THE INTERSTATE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

FOR BLACK DRUM
(Pogonias cromis)

2024 FISHING YEAR



Prepared by the Plan Review Team
Drafted September 2025



Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries

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I. Status of the Fishery Management Plan

<u>Date of FMP Approval:</u>	Original FMP – June 2013
<u>Addendum:</u>	Addendum I – May 2018
<u>Management Areas:</u>	The entire Atlantic coast distribution of the resource from New Jersey through the east coast of Florida
<u>Active Boards/Committees:</u>	Sciaenids Management Board; Black Drum Technical Committee; Plan Review Team; South Atlantic Species Advisory Panel

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) adopted an [Interstate Fishery Management Plan \(FMP\) for Black Drum in 2013](#). Prior to the FMP, management was state-specific, from no regulations in North Carolina to various combinations of size limits, possession limits, commercial trip limits, and/or annual commercial quotas from New Jersey to Florida. While the Maryland portion of the Chesapeake Bay was closed to commercial fishing in 1998, it was reopened in 2019 via Addendum 1 which was approved in 2018.

The FMP requires all states with a declared interest in the species to have established a maximum possession limit and minimum size limit of at least 12 inches total length (TL) by January 1, 2014, and to have increased the minimum size limit to at least 14 inches TL by January 1, 2016. The FMP also includes a management framework to adaptively respond to future concerns or changes in the fishery or population.

There are four plan objectives:

- Provide a flexible management system to address future changes in resource abundance, scientific information, and fishing patterns among user groups or area.
- Promote cooperative collection of biological, economic, and sociological data required to effectively monitor and assess the status of the black drum resource and evaluate management efforts.
- Manage the black drum fishery to protect both young individuals and established breeding stock.
- Develop research priorities that will further refine the black drum management program to maximize the biological, social, and economic benefits derived from the black drum population.

The management unit for black drum under the FMP is defined as the range of the species within U.S. waters of the northwest Atlantic Ocean, from the estuaries eastward to the offshore boundaries of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

In 2018, [Addendum I](#) allowed Maryland to reopen their commercial fishery in the Chesapeake Bay, starting in the 2019 fishing year (ASMFC 2018). Prior to this addendum, a commercial moratorium

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was in place for these waters due to the FMP's requirement that states maintain measures in place at the time of the FMP's approval.

II. Status of the Stocks

The most recent coastwide benchmark stock assessment for black drum, which incorporated data through 2020, was accepted in 2023 by the Sciaenids Management Board for management use. Based on assessment results, the black drum stock is not overfished and not experiencing overfishing. Management action was not taken because there are no major concerns with the stock.

The assessment model, JABBA-Select, uses recreational CPUE as an index of abundance, total fishery removals (commercial landings, recreational harvest, and recreational dead discards), life history information, and selectivity information to estimate black drum spawning biomass and exploitation (i.e., the proportion of stock biomass removed by fishing), as well as their associated thresholds. The assessment model estimated increasing spawning biomass, which has remained above the spawning biomass threshold throughout the time series (Figure 1). Exploitation has remained below the exploitation threshold throughout the time series. Exploitation was estimated to be relatively high in the mid-1980s, followed by lower levels throughout the 1990s. Exploitation increased around 2000 and remained at a higher, stable level throughout the remainder of the time series. Overall, black drum remains a data poor stock and the assessment acknowledges a relatively high level of uncertainty in available data sets and population estimates, although there is greater certainty in qualitative stock status determinations.

Due to data limitations and assessment uncertainty, a suite of indicators from black drum data sets developed as part of this assessment will be used to annually monitor the stock for any concerning trends and identify the need for an expedited stock assessment. Indicators include eight indices of abundance, one index of range expansion, and six indices of fishery characteristics (i.e., regional catch time series). The assessment reviewed the indicators through 2020. The indicators show increased fishery removals in the last twenty years and less frequent large recruitment events in the Mid-Atlantic in the last ten years. There are no clear indications of a declining trend in abundance from abundance indicators, but there is a declining trend in the final two years of the recreational releases time series that may be reflective of abundance in addition to other factors. There is some indication of northern range expansion. Overall, stock indicators did not appear negative.

After the assessment was complete, the indicators were updated with data through 2022. Overall, indicators show mixed signs of stability and declines since the assessment. Despite some observed declines in a few of the indicators, in each case the two additional years of data were still within the historical range of that indicator. The TC did not express concern at this time and recommended no changes to the current black drum stock assessment schedule, but to continue to closely monitor the indicators. The Board agreed with the TC's recommendations.

III. Status of the Fishery

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Total black drum landings from New Jersey through the east coast of Florida are estimated at 5.2 million pounds in 2024, a 6% decrease from total harvest in 2023 (Tables 2 and 3; Figure 2). The 2024 harvest is below the previous ten-year (2014-2023) average. The commercial and recreational fisheries harvested 7% and 93% of the 2023 total, respectively.

Commercial landings of black drum in 2024 spanned from Rhode Island through Florida. Although landings from outside the management unit (i.e., north of New Jersey) were less than 1% of the coastwide total, commercial landings in states north of the management unit have increased marginally and become more frequent in the last 10-15 years; black drum have been observed spawning in areas northward of Great Bay, NJ. Coastwide commercial landings show no particular temporal trends, ranging from approximately 82,000 pounds in 1985 to 556,000 pounds in 2002 annually since 1981 (Figure 2). Black drum commercial landings in 2024 were 339,493 pounds. North Carolina led commercial harvest with 71% of the landings, followed by Virginia with 16% (Table 2).

Recreational harvest of black drum peaked by weight in 2008 at 10.7 million pounds (Table 3) and by numbers of fish in 2003 at 2.9 million (Table 4). Overall, landings have ranged between 650 thousand pounds in 1988 and 10.7 million pounds in 2008, and numbers of fish have fluctuated between 260,000 in 1989 and 2.9 million fish in 2003 (Figures 3 and 4).

The 2024 recreational harvest (1.2 million fish or 4.8 million pounds) represents a 3% decrease in numbers and a 6% decrease in pounds from 2023. Florida anglers landed the largest share of the coastwide recreational harvest in numbers (50%), followed by North Carolina (16%). Recreational harvest was recorded in New York in 2024 for the third time in the time series (1981-2024).

Since the beginning of the time series (1981), recreational anglers have released increasing percentages of black drum, with percentages of fish released exceeding 70% seven times in the past ten years. In 2024, 70% (2.8 million fish) of the recreational catch was released (Figure 3; Table 5). It is worth noting that release rates increased substantially after 2013, when the FMP established minimum sizes in every state and required that undersized drum be released for the first time. Recent high release rates can be attributed to these measures, as well as encouragement of catch and release practices.

IV. Status of Assessment Advice

Current stock status information comes from the 2023 benchmark stock assessment (ASMFC 2023) completed by the ASMFC Black Drum Stock Assessment Subcommittee and Technical Committee, peer reviewed by an independent panel of experts, and approved by the Sciaenids Management Board for use in management decisions. It has a terminal year of 2020.

The [assessment report](#) outlines several data and research needs that would improve the next benchmark assessment, such as the need for a fishery-independent adult survey and associated biological data, expansion of current tagging programs, and increased biological sampling in commercial and recreational fisheries.

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The favorable stock status estimates from the 2023 benchmark stock assessment indicate that no immediate management action is needed. However, black drum remains a data-poor stock and the assessment acknowledges a relatively high level of uncertainty in available data sets and quantitative population estimates despite greater certainty in qualitative estimates of stock status (i.e., overfished vs. not overfished and overfishing occurring vs. overfishing not occurring). Due to this uncertainty, the stock assessment recommends that stock indicators as established in the Black Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report be reviewed by the Sciaenids Management Board to closely monitor the stock for any concerning trends between stock assessments. It is recommended that the next benchmark assessment should be conducted in five years.

Updates to the indicators in 2023 and 2024 found no concerning trends. The indicators continued to fall within their respective historical ranges. In addition, in 2024, the Sciaenids Management Board agreed with recommendations from the Black Drum Technical Committee to schedule the next data update to the indicators in 2026, and moving the next black drum assessment from 2027 to 2028.

V. Status of Research and Monitoring

There are no monitoring or research programs required annually of the states except for the submission of a compliance report. The following fishery-dependent (other than catch and effort data) and fishery-independent monitoring programs were reported in the 2024 reports. Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and National Marine Fisheries Service have fishery-dependent monitoring for black drum. States that encounter fish through fishery-independent monitoring include New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

VI. Status of Management Measures and Issues

Fishery Management Plan

The Black Drum FMP required all states with a declared interest in the species to have established a maximum possession limit and minimum size limit of at least 12 inches TL by January 1, 2014, and to have increased the minimum size limit to no less than 14 inches TL by January 1, 2016.

De Minimis

The black drum FMP allows states to request *de minimis* status if, for the preceding three years for which data are available, their average combined commercial and recreational landings (by weight) constitute less than 1% of the average coastwide commercial and recreational landings for the same three-year period. A state that qualifies for *de minimis* will qualify for exemption in both their commercial and recreational fisheries.

De Minimis Requests

No state requested *de minimis* status through the annual reporting process.

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Recent Changes to State Management
None in 2024.

Conservation Equivalency
No conservation equivalency plans.

VII. Implementation of FMP Compliance Requirements for 2024

The PRT found no inconsistencies between state compliance reports and requirements of the Fishery Management Plan.

VIII. Recommendations of the Plan Review Team

Research recommendations can be found in the [2023 Black Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report](#).

Management and Regulatory Recommendations

- Begin or continue biological sampling to collect age and size composition from both recreational and commercial fisheries as well as fecundity data. Data gaps include size and age of discards, catch and release mortality, age and size-specific fecundity, spawning frequency, and spawning behaviors by region.
- Continue and expand current tagging programs to obtain mortality and growth information and movement at size data, and consider conducting a high reward tagging program to obtain improved return rate estimates. Tagging studies that utilize implanted radio tracking tags compatible with coastal tracking arrays along the Atlantic coast in order to track movement and migration of adults and juveniles would also help fill the data needs.

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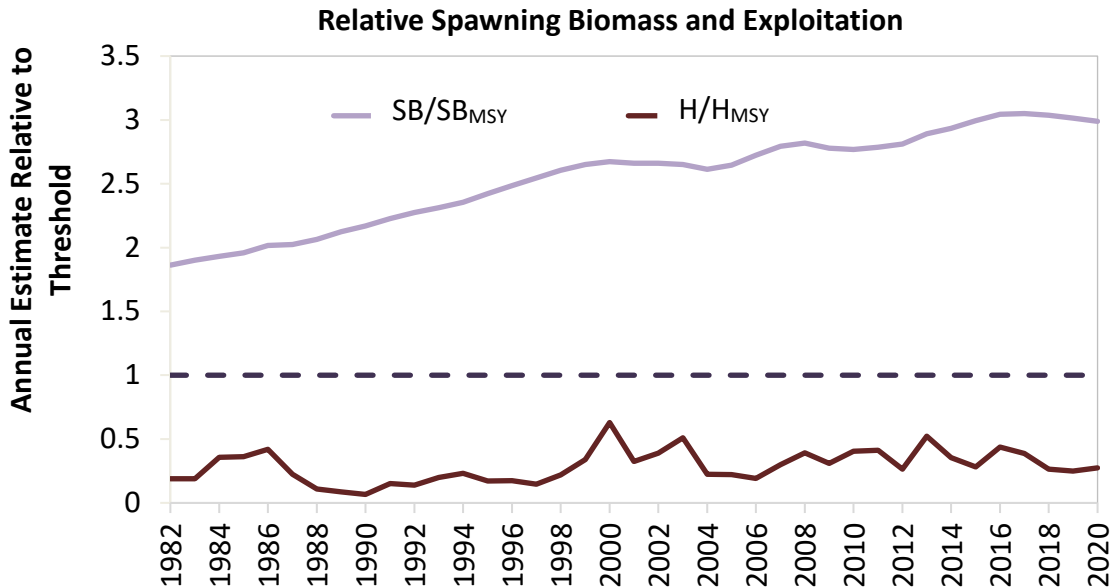
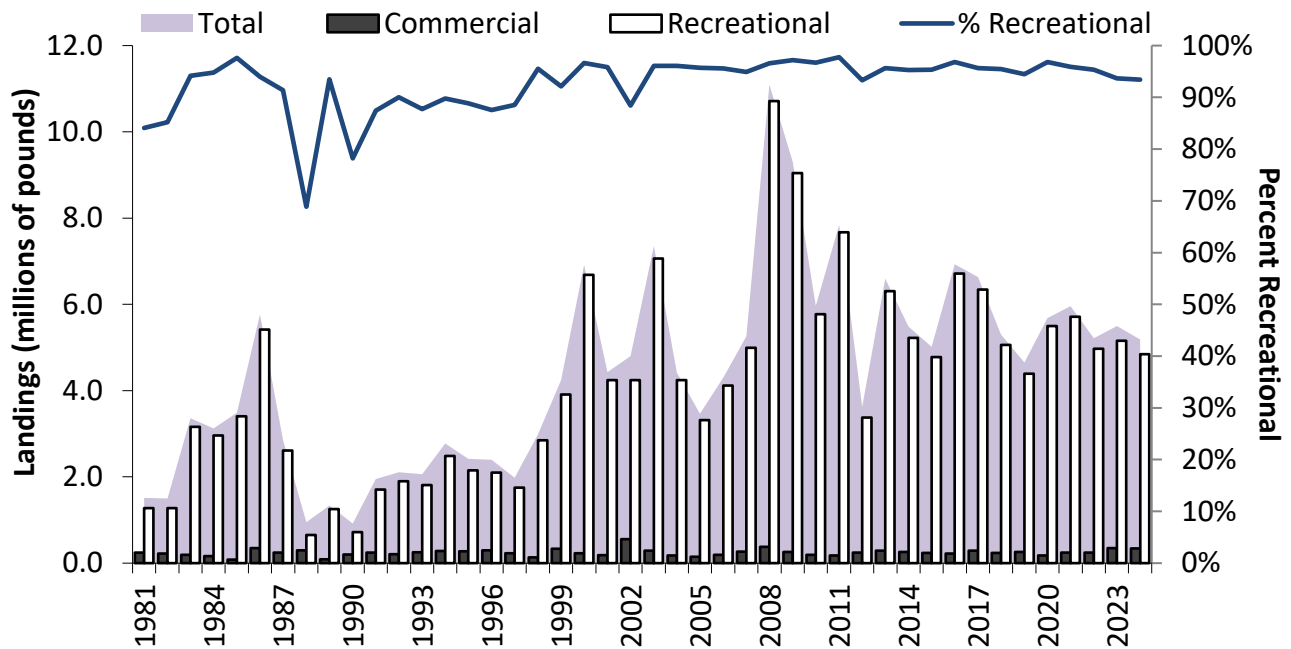


Figure 1. JABBA-Select annual estimates of spawning biomass (SB/SB_{MSY}) and exploitation (H/H_{MSY}) relative to the threshold (dashed line), from 1982-2020 (Source: ASMFC 2023).



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Figure 2. Commercial and recreational landings (pounds) of black drum, 1981-2024. See Tables 2 and 3 for values and data sources.

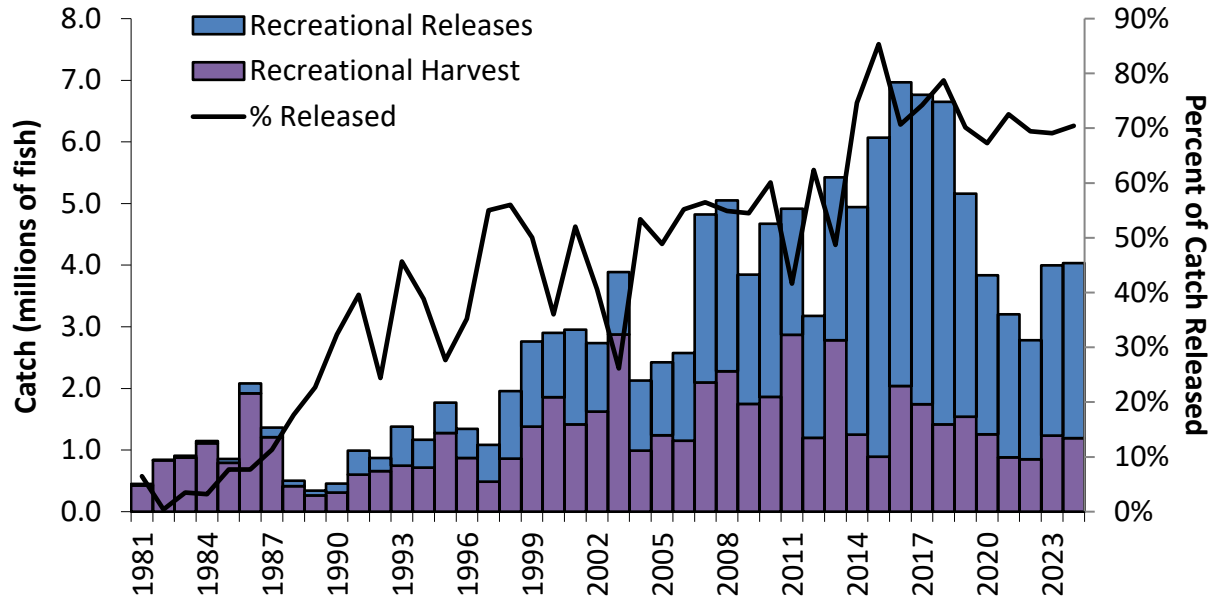


Figure 3. Recreational catch (harvest and alive releases) of black drum (numbers) and the proportion of catch that is released, 1981-2024. See Tables 4 and 5 for values and data sources.

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Table 1. Black drum regulations for 2024. The states of New Jersey through Florida are required to meet the requirements in the FMP. All size limits are total length.

State	Recreational		Commercial			Notes
	Size limit	Bag limit	Size limit	Trip Limit	Annual Quota	
ME - NY	-	-	-	-	-	
NJ	16" min	3/person/day	16" min	10,000 lbs	65,000 lbs	
DE	16" min	3/person/day	16" min	10,000 lbs	65,000 lbs	
MD	16" min	1/person/day 6/vessel	16" min (ATL) 28" min (Bay)	10/vessel/day (Bay)	1,500 lbs (ATL)	
PRFC	16" min	1/person/day	16" min	1 fish possession		
VA	16" min	1/person/day	16" min	1/person/day*	120,000 lbs	*without Black Drum Harvesting and Selling Permit
NC	14" min - 25" max; 1 fish > 25" may be retained	10/person/day	14" min - 25" max; 1 fish > 25" may be retained	500 lbs/trip		
SC	14" min - 27" max	5/person/day	14" min - 27" max	5/person/day		Commercial fishery primarily bycatch
GA	14" min	15/person/day	14" min	15/person/day		
FL	14" min - 24" max; 1 fish > 24" may be retained	5/person/day	14" min - 24" max	500 lbs/day		

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Table 2. Commercial landings (pounds) of black drum by state, 2015-2024. (Totals include coastwide landings outside of the management area, NJ-FL. Sources: 2025 state compliance reports for 2024 fishing year; for years prior to 2024, personal communication with ACCSP, Arlington, VA)

Year	NJ	DE	MD	PRFC	VA
2015	6,478	39,282	C	C	87,011
2016	2,210	49,109	C	C	49,832
2017	21,248	699	423	C	42,695
2018	C	32,375	734	C	76,337
2019	C	6,030	8,025	C	129,556
2020	C	C	4,767	C	50,318
2021	1,057	C	821	0	63,340
2022	C	C	2,462	C	51,087
2023	C	C	2,097	C	71,855
2024	C	16,723	2,340	C	54,070
	NC	SC	GA	FL	Total
2015	51,073	C	C	50,477	234,727
2016	90,715	C	C	26,978	219,350
2017	182,882	C	C	41,280	289,431
2018	109,757	C	C	19,465	239,124
2019	80,036	C	C	21,954	256,051
2020	98,118	C	C	26,895	188,410
2021	131,724	C	C	45,300	243,278
2022	144,339	C	0	42,563	244,198
2023	240,814	C	0	30,486	347,506
2024	240,065	C	C	23,718	339,493

C: Confidential landings

Table 3. Recreational harvest (pounds) of black drum by state and coastwide average weight, 2015-2024. (Sources: 2025 state compliance reports for 2024 fishing year; for years prior to 2024, personal communication with NOAA Fisheries, Fisheries Statistics Division)

Year	NJ	DE	MD	VA	NC
2015	443,907	16,992	16,575	25,216	780,876
2016	159,589	2,180	8,924	77,672	1,322,547
2017	406,068	22,998	3,001	81,275	856,081
2018	814,965	179,071	53,599	29,120	428,273
2019	172,735	8,117	59,912	101,535	404,452
2020	535,249	90,950	53,825	251,724	612,932
2021	1,851	14,659	80,563	345,108	359,481
2022	190,561	1,412	19,580	18,130	1,710,528
2023	0	115	10,697	351,895	973,869
2024	174,785	7,414	5,554	71,346	893,292
	SC	GA	FL		Total
2015	82,484	88,698	3,325,410		4,780,158
2016	623,449	226,558	4,292,398		6,713,317
2017	681,976	187,698	4,105,686		6,344,783
2018	652,179	392,380	2,511,235		5,060,822
2019	899,976	557,714	2,191,274		4,395,715
2020	493,001	298,894	3,163,767		5,500,342
2021	345,225	178,803	4,386,989		5,712,731
2022	319,324	295,514	2,395,463		4,969,409
2023	433,013	285,898	3,097,376		5,152,863
2024	673,248	322,597	2,544,557		4,842,550

Table 4. Recreational harvest (numbers) of black drum by state, 2015-2024. (Sources: 2025 state compliance reports for 2024 fishing year; for years prior to 2024, personal communication with NOAA Fisheries, Fisheries Statistics Division)

Year	NJ	DE	MD	VA	NC
2015	10,793	462	1,091	1,600	276,126
2016	6,008	138	250	5,807	459,078
2017	18,435	1,214	828	16,700	355,544
2018	40,153	9,211	1,262	3,721	134,624
2019	7,506	931	4,897	6,600	156,401
2020	27,594	5,207	14,092	17,000	213,320
2021	382	1,115	2,724	17,607	121,454
2022	8,594	54	2,945	1,231	264,634
2023	0	7	1,202	18,587	348,374
2024	12,677	900	1,078	7,636	187,457
	SC	GA	FL		Total
2015	37,186	48,229	514,606		890,093
2016	256,158	96,351	1,217,913		2,041,703
2017	241,832	64,240	1,044,752		1,743,545
2018	185,648	114,263	925,794		1,414,676
2019	344,933	265,364	755,638		1,542,270
2020	198,239	100,973	678,484		1,254,909
2021	92,232	65,955	577,906		879,468
2022	92,122	111,492	367,912		849,406
2023	142,438	67,430	657,786		1,235,824
2024	269,925	110,024	602,302		1,194,024

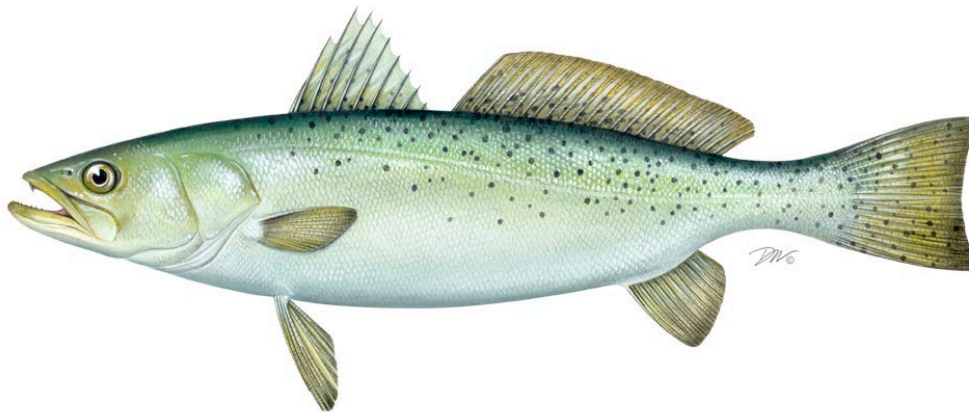
Table 5. Recreational alive releases (numbers) of black drum by state, 2015-2024. (Sources: 2025 state compliance reports for 2024 fishing year; for years prior to 2024, personal communication with NOAA Fisheries, Fisheries Statistics Division)

Year	NJ	DE	MD	VA	NC
2015	545,613	17,109	25,115	164,322	1,791,758
2016	9,399	361	114	46,494	2,530,596
2017	111,739	3,689	2,809	137,987	2,336,352
2018	51,148	15,249	27,849	169,204	1,450,855
2019	1,953	29,878	6,346	151,074	756,749
2020	10,474	8,301	1,997	142,394	704,357
2021	41,807	19,517	92,542	168,208	681,121
2022	59,745	7,064	10,268	44,621	647,304
2023	18,252	29,231	3,908	71,964	591,980
2024	13,745	2,893	125,510	25,101	558,226
	SC	GA	FL		Total
2015	1,483,956	55,773	1,096,185		5,179,831
2016	1,268,667	54,266	1,012,670		4,922,567
2017	692,616	85,365	1,648,030		5,018,587
2018	1,087,536	167,974	2,265,550		5,235,365
2019	998,869	339,599	1,333,745		3,618,213
2020	678,836	239,371	797,425		2,583,155
2021	304,632	94,097	922,962		2,324,886
2022	647,853	168,502	345,227		1,930,584
2023	791,140	291,336	960,813		2,758,624
2024	892,283	233,544	989,801		2,841,103

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I. Status of the Fishery Management Plan

<u>Date of FMP Approval:</u>	Original FMP – October 1984
<u>Amendments:</u>	Amendment 1 – November 1991 Omnibus Amendment to Spanish Mackerel, Spot, and Spotted Seatrout -- August 2011
<u>Management Area:</u>	The Atlantic coast distribution of the resource from Maryland through the east coast of Florida
<u>Active Boards/Committees:</u>	Sciaenids Management Board; Spotted Seatrout Plan Review Team; South Atlantic Species Advisory Panel

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) adopted the [Fishery Management Plan \(FMP\)](#) for spotted seatrout in 1984. The ISFMP Policy Board approved Amendment 1 to the FMP in November 1991. In August 2011, the South Atlantic State/Federal Management Board approved the Omnibus Amendment to the Spanish Mackerel, Spot, and Spotted Seatrout FMPs, bringing the Spotted Seatrout FMP under the authority of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (Act, 1993) and the ASMFC Interstate Fishery Management Plan Charter (1995). The management unit is comprised of the states of Maryland through Florida.

The goal of the management plan is "to perpetuate the spotted seatrout resource in fishable abundance throughout its range and generate the greatest possible economic and social benefits from its harvest and utilization over time." Plan objectives include:

1. Attain optimum yield over time.
2. Maintain a spawning potential ratio of at least 20% to minimize the possibility of recruitment failure.
3. Promote conservation of the stocks to reduce inter-annual variation in availability and to increase yield per recruit.
4. Promote collection of economic, social, and biological data required to effectively monitor and assess management efforts relative to the overall goal.
5. Promote research that improves understanding of the biology and fisheries of spotted seatrout.
6. Promote harmonious use of the resource among various components of the fishery through coordination of management efforts among the various political entities having jurisdiction over the spotted seatrout resource.
7. Promote determination and adoption of standards of environmental quality and provide habitat protection necessary for the maximum natural protection of spotted seatrout.

The [Omnibus Amendment](#) added the following objectives to support compliance under the Act:

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1. Manage the spotted seatrout fishery by restricting catch to mature individuals.
2. Manage the spotted seatrout stock to maintain sufficiently high spawning stock biomass.
3. Develop research priorities that will further refine the spotted seatrout management program to maximize the biological, social, and economic benefits derived from the population.

Management measures include a minimum size limit of 12 inches in total length (TL), with comparable mesh size regulations in directed fisheries, and data collection for stock assessments and monitoring of the fishery. All states with a declared interest in spotted seatrout (NJ-FL) have implemented, at a minimum, the recommended minimum size limit. In addition, each state has either initiated spotted seatrout data collection programs or modified other programs to collect improved catch and effort data. Table 1 provides the states' recreational and commercial regulations for spotted seatrout in 2024.

II. Status of the Stock

A coastwide stock assessment of spotted seatrout has not been conducted, given the largely non-migratory nature of the species and the lack of data on migration where it does occur. Instead, state-specific age-structured analyses of local stocks have been performed by several states. These stock assessments provide estimates of static spawning potential ratio (SPR), a measure of the effect of fishing pressure on the relative spawning power of the female stock. The FMP recommends a goal of 20% SPR. South Carolina and Georgia have adopted this goal while North Carolina and Florida have established a 30% and 35% SPR goal, respectively.

A benchmark stock assessment for spotted seatrout in North Carolina and Virginia waters was completed and approved to use for management in late 2022 (<https://www.deq.nc.gov/marine-fisheries/fisheries-management/spotted-seatrout/2022-spotted-seatrout-stock-assessment/open>; NCDMF 2022). The assessment indicated the spotted seatrout stock in North Carolina and Virginia waters was not overfished with spawning stock biomass (SSB) above SSB_{35%}, but overfishing was occurring.

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources packaged several state-specific assessments into a report in 2001, though these were not peer reviewed. The initial assessment covering 1986-1992 indicated female SPR was just above the 20% goal in the terminal year (Zhao and Wenner 2001), leading to a minimum size limit increase and a creel limit reduction. A more recent assessment was conducted for the period 1981-2004 (de Silva, Draft 2005). Two modeling approaches were used, and both models indicated the current SSB is below the requirement to maintain 20% SPR.

Florida completed a new statewide assessment in 2025, with data for the period 1986-2023 (<https://myfwc.com/media/egkmi3c5/seatrout-assessment-2024.pdf>; Addis et al. 2025). The assessment for Florida Atlantic coast waters indicated the transitional SPR (tSPR) from the last

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three years (2021-2023) was 0.58, above the management objective of 35%. In addition, the geometric mean of fishing mortality for the years 2021-2023, 0.31, was below $F_{35\%SPR}$.

III. Status of the Fishery

Spotted seatrout are typically caught both commercially and recreationally from Delaware through the east coast of Florida. In South Carolina, spotted seatrout are declared a gamefish and can only be taken by recreational means. Landings from states north of Delaware are minimal and/or inconsistent from year to year. In 2024, landings ranged as far north as Connecticut. State catch estimates in this section include those in the management area only (NJ-FL), but coastwide totals include the entire Atlantic coast. Total recreational landings have surpassed total commercial landings every year since recreational landings were first recorded in 1981 (Figure 1). Spotted seatrout, particularly those found from Virginia through South Carolina, are susceptible to cold stuns that result in sporadic, high winter mortality, which can lead to sudden declines in harvest. The last cold stun occurred in 2018, prompting in-season changes to management in affected states.

Commercial Fishery

Commercial harvest statistics were obtained from the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) for years prior to 2024 and from state compliance reports for 2024. Atlantic coast commercial landings (1950-2024) range from 157,000 pounds in 2011 to 2.3 million pounds in 1952 (Figure 1). Historically, commercial landings primarily came from Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida, with Maryland, South Carolina, Georgia, and occasional landings from Delaware and north accounting for a small portion. From 1950 to 1976, annual commercial landings averaged 1.3 million pounds, followed by a decline due to increased regulations and possible declines in abundance. Significant changes to regulations include the 1987 designation of spotted seatrout as a gamefish in South Carolina, and the 1995 prohibition on the use of entangling nets in Florida's coastal waters. From 2015 to 2024, commercial landings averaged approximately 484,824 pounds. In 2024, commercial landings totaled 684,665 pounds, a 30% increase from 2023 (Table 2). North Carolina, Virginia, and Florida accounted for 86%, 13%, and less than 1% of the total commercial landings, respectively.

Recreational Fishery

Recreational harvest statistics were obtained from the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) for years prior to 2024 and from state compliance reports for 2024. Over the last 41 years, recreational catch of spotted seatrout (kept and released) has shown an upward trend, increasing from 4.3 million fish in 1981 to a time series high of 31.2 million fish in 2018. Since 2018, recreational catch has ranged between 16.1 million fish in 2023 to 25.9 million fish in 2022. In 2024, recreational catch increased by 32% from the previous year, to 23.9 million fish (Figure 2). Recreational harvest has fluctuated without trend throughout the time series. Recreational harvest in 2024 increased by approximately 48% from this average, to 6.2 million pounds or 3.6 million fish (Tables 3 and 4), with North Carolina (40%), Georgia (21%), South Carolina (14%), and Virginia (14%) responsible for the largest shares in numbers of fish. Due in part to recreational size and creel limits and closed seasons, as well as the encouragement of

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catch and release practices, the percentage of caught fish being released has increased throughout the time series, with the 10-year average (2015-2024) at 8%. The percent of fish released in 2024 (85%) was equal to the percent of fish released in 2023 (Figure 2, Table 5). The number of fish released has averaged 19.3 million fish in the last 10 years (2015-2024). In 2024, 20.2 million fish were released, which was a 32% increase from the previous year. Rod and reel is the primary recreational gear, but some spotted seatrout are taken by recreational nets and gigging where these methods are permitted. Most recreational fishing is conducted from private boats and the majority of the catch is taken from nearshore waters.

IV. Status of Assessment Advice

A coastwide stock assessment of spotted seatrout has not been conducted and the Plan Review Team (PRT) does not recommend that one be completed due to the life history of the fish and the availability of data. Several states have performed age-structured analyses on local stocks, and recent assessments provide divergent trends on the status of the species. The 2005 stock assessment in South Carolina indicated an increasing population trend but a status level that is still below target spawning stock biomass levels (de Silva 2005).

The 2022 North Carolina and Virginia stock assessment indicated overfishing was occurring but that the stock was not overfished (NCDMF 2022). The stock assessment model was a novel, size structured model with winter and non-winter seasonal time-steps. Additionally, the model allowed winter natural mortality (M) to vary year to year in order to capture the signature of increased winter M from cold stuns and predicted high or rising M in most years with documented cold stuns.

Florida completed a new statewide assessment in 2025, with data for the period 1986-2023 (Addis et al. 2025). Two integrated statistical catch-at-age models were used to assess the spotted seatrout populations in for the Florida Gulf coast and Atlantic coast separately. Historically, spotted seatrout in Florida had been assessed by management unit. However, recent genetic evidence indicates no hard breaks within Florida waters. The models used available information on life history, commercial landings, recreational landings and releases, as well as indices of abundance and length/age composites from fishery-dependent and - independent sources. A benchmark assessment completed for Florida in 2025 indicated that Florida Atlantic spotted seatrout were neither overfished nor experiencing overfishing.

The PRT supports the continuation of state-specific assessments, yet recognizes the difficulty most states face to attain sufficient data of assessment quality and personnel who can perform the necessary modeling exercises. The lack of biological and fisheries data for effective assessment and management of the resource was recognized in the 1984 FMP and continues to be a hindrance. Some states are increasing their collection of biological and fisheries data, which will provide insight on stock status over time.

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V. Status of Research and Monitoring

In addition to commercial and recreational fishery-dependent data collected and/or compiled through the NMFS Fisheries Statistics Division, some states have implemented fishery-independent or additional fishery-dependent monitoring programs. States currently conducting fishery dependent sampling include Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida currently conduct fishery independent surveys for spotted seatrout or run surveys encountering spotted seatrout. Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina conduct aging, and in 2024 the NCDMF aging lab aged a total of 1,352 spotted seatrout otoliths with a maximum age of 7 and a modal age of 2. In 2024, Virginia aged 303 spotted seatrout, with a modal age of 2.

VI. Status of Management Measures and Issues

Conservation Equivalency

No conservation equivalency plans.

De Minimis Requests

A state qualifies for *de minimis* status if its previous three-year average combined commercial and recreational catch is less than 1% of the previous three-year average coastwide combined commercial and recreational catch. Those states that qualify for *de minimis* are not required to implement any monitoring requirements, as none are included in the plan.

The states of Delaware and New Jersey request continuation of *de minimis* status, and the PRT notes they meet the requirements of *de minimis*.

VII. Implementation of FMP Compliance Requirements for 2024

The PRT found no inconsistencies in relation to the FMP compliance requirements among state compliance reports.

VIII. Recommendations of Plan Review Team

Management and Regulatory Recommendations

- Consider approval of *de minimis* requests by New Jersey and Delaware.

Prioritized Research Recommendations

- The PRT recommends focusing on addressing important missing components to improve state specific stock assessments. Specific focal areas include the development or improvement of state specific abundance indices, particularly for juvenile abundance indices, research into fecundity and recruitment relationships, and additional research into B2 releases due to a rise in popularity of the catch and release fishery.
- Consider trigger factors to allow for a swift management response to environmental events that have been shown to heavily impact spotted seatrout. An example is a temperature trigger in North Carolina to protect spotted seatrout that have had long-

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term exposure to cold temperatures. Additional research into links between spotted seatrout population dynamics and life history variability in response to environmental factors such as land use patterns, climate change, etc.

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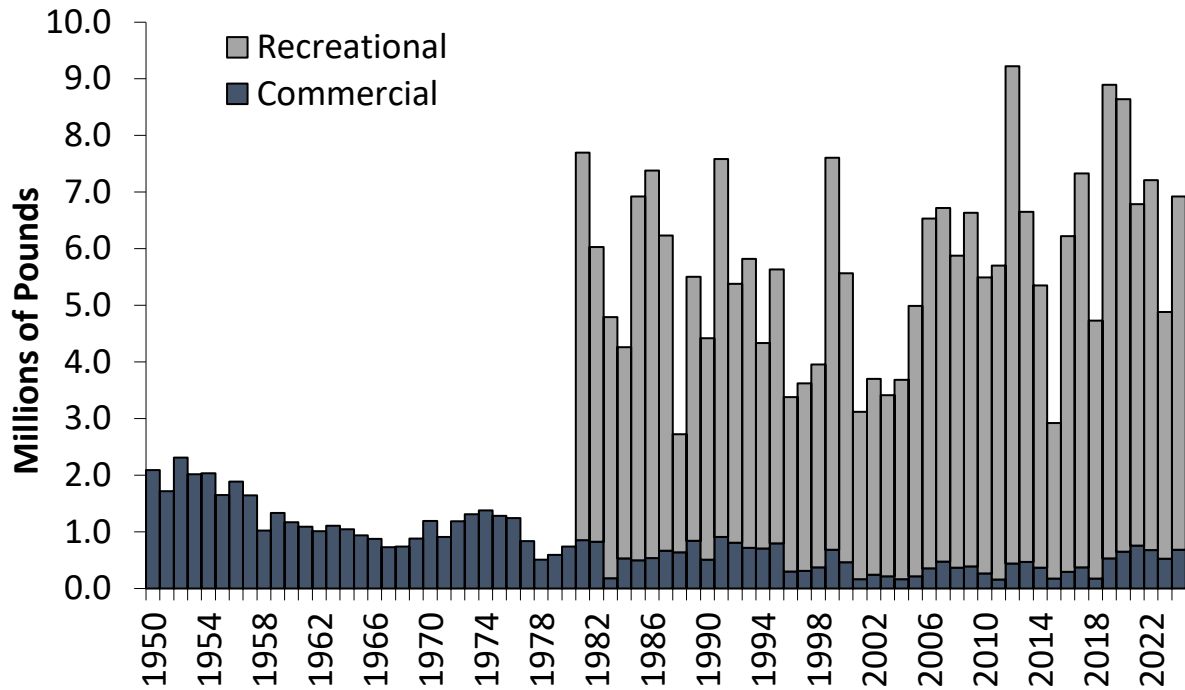


Figure 1. Coastwide commercial landings (1950-2024) and recreational landings (1981-2024), in pounds (See Tables 2 and 4 for values and sources). Recreational data not available prior to 1981.

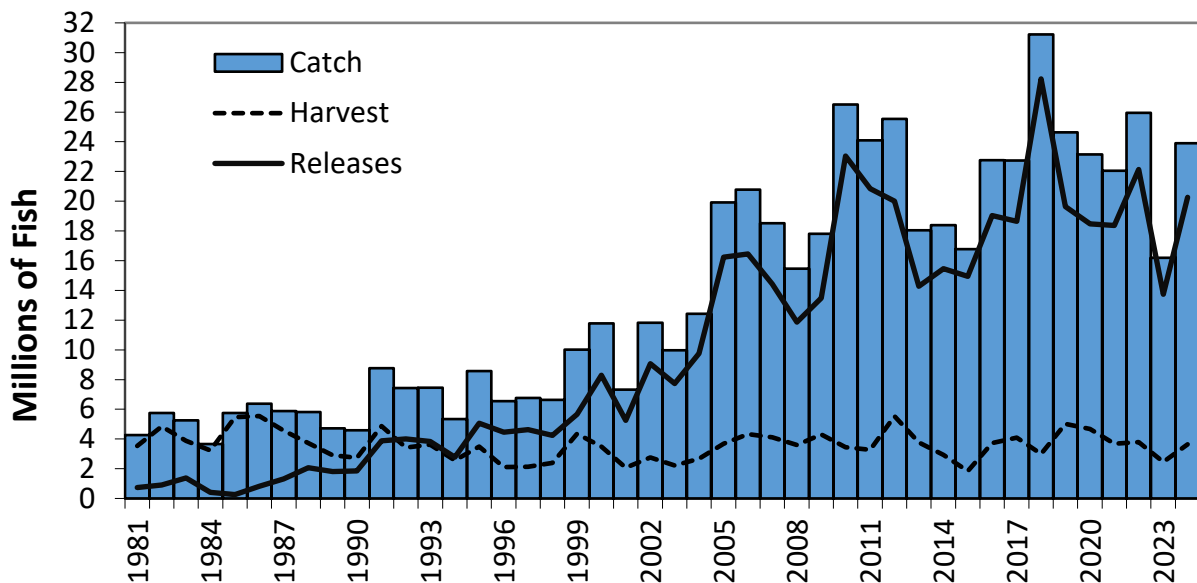


Figure 2. Coastwide recreational catch, harvest, and releases (numbers), 1981-2024 (See Tables 3 and 5 for values and sources).

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XI. Tables

Table 1. Summary of state regulations for spotted seatrout in 2024.

State	Recreational	Commercial
New Jersey	13" TL; 1 fish	13" TL; 100 lbs/vessel/day during open seasons 100 lbs bycatch allowance during closed season if equal lbs of other species are also harvested. Gill net: 3.25 in minimum mesh size; closed season from 5/21-9/2 and 10/20-10/26. Otter trawl: 3.75 in minimum diamond stretched mesh size or 3.375 in stretched square mesh; closed season 8/1 to 10/12 Pound net: closed season 6/7 to 6/30 Hook and line: must follow recreational bag and size limit
Delaware	12" TL	12" TL
Maryland	14" TL; 4 fish	14" TL. 150 lbs limit per day or trip (whichever is longer). Trawl and gill net mesh size restrictions.
PRFC	14" TL; 10 fish	14" TL
Virginia	14-24" TL; 1 fish >24" allowed; 5 fish	14" TL; pound nets/seines allowed 5% by weight less than 14". Hook & line fishermen must follow rec limits. Quota: 51,104 lbs (Sept-Aug). After it's been announced the quota has been reached, then daily incidental catch of 50 lbs/licensee aboard the vessel, not to exceed 100 lbs per vessel
North Carolina	14" TL; 4 fish	14" TL; 75 fish limit. Unlawful to possess or sell Friday 12:00am-Sunday 12:00am.
South Carolina	14" TL; 10 fish. Gig March-Nov.	Gamefish status since 1987; native caught fish may not be sold.
Georgia	14" TL; 15 fish	14" TL; 15 fish. BRD requirement for trawl; gear mesh regulations.
Florida	15-19" TL slot; 1 fish >19" allowed per vessel, or per person if fishing on land; 0 captain and crew bag limit on for-hire trip; hook & line/cast net only. Western Panhandle: 3 fish, closed February; Big Bend: 5 fish; South: 3 fish; Central East: 2 fish, closed Nov -Dec; Northeast: 5 fish	Hook & line/cast net only; 15-24" TL; Season varies by region; 50 fish per person per day or 100 fish vessel limit with two or more licensed fishermen on board South, Big Bend, and Western Panhandle: Open June 1 - October 31. Central East: Open May 1 - September 30. Northeast: Open June 1 - November 30.

Note: A commercial fishing license is required to possess spotted seatrout for sale in all states with a fishery.

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Table 2. Commercial landings (pounds) of spotted seatrout by state, 2015-2024

(Source: ACCSP for years prior to 2024 and State Compliance Reports for 2024). Totals are for the coastwide fishery and may extend beyond the management unit. "C" represents confidential data.

Year	NJ	DE	MD	VA	NC	SC	GA	FL	Total
2015			C	7,888	128,752	C	C	39,226	175,931
2016			C	18,483	254,590	C	C	23,105	296,419
2017			C	55,219	299,910	C	C	16,194	371,590
2018			C	17,526	128,980	C	C	22,105	173,651
2019			C	100,763	378,491	C	C	16,700	531,010
2020		C	C	67,794	568,764	C	C	12,591	650,034
2021			C	51,594	694,784	C	C	12,352	760,690
2022	C		72	68,479	603,155	C	C	5,696	679,576
2023	133	0	1,596	70,913	434,610	0	0	10,732	522,290
2024	C	C	1,229	90,050	585,761	0	C	5,615	684,665

Table 3. Recreational harvest (A + B1; numbers of fish) of spotted seatrout using the FES effort calibration, by state, 2015-2024 (Source: MRIP). Totals are for the coastwide fishery and may extend beyond the management unit.

Year	NJ	DE	MD	VA	NC	SC	GA	FL	Total
2015		39	11,619	23,062	249,260	311,106	740,932	504,137	1,840,155
2016	547	12	10,092	163,529	978,624	311,168	1,290,220	962,946	3,717,042
2017			24,255	172,288	1,217,834	647,679	1,060,493	977,797	4,100,346
2018		344		189,537	449,473	175,191	1,096,602	929,155	2,993,485
2019		4,644	36,314	596,428	1,937,250	813,548	1,008,284	620,337	5,016,805
2020		774	11,951	591,624	2,053,354	511,261	830,771	678,934	4,678,669
2021			17,664	399,529	1,223,508	483,046	935,052	621,389	3,680,188
2022			8,739	248,150	1,963,400	281,274	952,260	337,142	3,790,965
2023			21,533	410,505	1,002,906	304,452	497,679	222,214	2,459,289
2024			11,958	498,381	1,464,360	519,792	747,055	401,150	3,642,696

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Table 4. Recreational harvest (A + B1; pounds of fish) of spotted seatrout using the FES effort calibration, by state, 2015-2024 (Source: MRIP). Totals are for the coastwide fishery and may extend beyond the management unit.

Year	NJ	DE	MD	VA	NC	SC	GA	FL	Total
2015		10	23,546	48,477	430,579	462,498	794,861	984,940	2,744,901
2016	451	8	20,024	341,977	1,724,492	475,749	1,740,513	1,625,597	5,928,352
2017			48,624	342,463	2,157,198	992,938	1,403,646	2,011,777	6,956,646
2018		248		226,786	658,555	414,442	1,556,782	1,701,275	4,557,840
2019		10,878	61,935	1,256,916	3,334,163	1,238,834	1,440,368	1,033,847	8,366,063
2020		790	28,170	1,375,062	3,632,315	713,197	1,196,591	1,045,536	7,990,871
2021			40,801	815,724	2,241,421	696,038	1,277,168	956,682	6,027,834
2022			12,902	549,095	3,756,040	423,318	1,268,493	519,335	6,529,183
2023			47,091	938,451	1,923,165	463,895	669,434	313,986	4,356,022
2024			30,975	1,022,146	2,789,661	772,091	1,004,424	619,057	6,238,354

Table 5. Recreational releases (number of fish) of spotted seatrout using the FES effort calibration, by state, 2015-2024 (Source: MRIP). Totals are for the coastwide fishery and may extend beyond the management unit.

Year	NJ	DE	MD	VA	NC	SC	GA	FL	Total
2015		604	242,150	834,028	4,824,088	1,147,982	1,763,638	6,131,007	14,943,497
2016	15,423	15,066	133,223	3,708,969	6,475,193	1,791,072	2,113,253	4,783,644	19,035,843
2017	0	71	107,611	3,154,997	5,147,567	1,949,554	2,436,867	5,845,559	18,641,985
2018	418		54,795	4,455,420	15,245,249	1,062,769	2,022,125	5,306,034	28,230,566
2019	2,262	5,905	334,805	2,865,887	7,161,183	2,476,659	2,673,432	4,098,551	19,643,063
2020		9,027	237,023	2,830,854	6,155,571	1,301,634	2,632,036	5,306,269	18,471,640
2021			84,300	3,035,971	6,284,614	1,467,051	3,022,516	4,467,598	18,362,050
2022			97,241	2,291,186	10,860,575	1,189,063	2,039,833	5,667,898	22,145,796
2023		19,472	49,493	3,557,195	4,566,788	1,068,702	1,644,289	2,825,335	13,731,274
2024		3,295	149,758	6,608,944	5,089,433	2,067,726	2,456,290	3,882,307	20,257,753