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ASMFC Winter Flounder Board Sets 2015 Commercial and Recreational Measures for Inshore Stocks

Alexandria, VA – The Commission's Winter Flounder Management Board maintained its winter flounder commercial and recreational management measures for the inshore waters of the Gulf of Maine (GOM) and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic (SNE/MA) for the 2015 fishing season (see Table 1).

Table 1. Minimum commercial and recreational management measures for the Inshore Winter Flounder FMP.

Stock	Sector	Trip Limit/ Possession Limit	Size Limit	Season	Gear
GOM	Commercial	500 lbs/trip/ day	12"	Maintain Closures	Minimum 6.5" square or diamond mesh in cod-end
	Recreational	8 fish	12"	NA	
SNE/MA	Commercial	50 lbs 38 fish/trip/day	12"	Maintain Closures	Minimum 6.5" square or diamond mesh in cod-end 100-lb mesh trigger
	Recreational	2 fish	12"	March 1 – December 31	

The Board maintains its commitment to work with the New England Fishery Management Council and NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office to collaboratively manage winter flounder stocks throughout their range. For more information, please contact, Melissa Yuen, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at myuen@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.

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