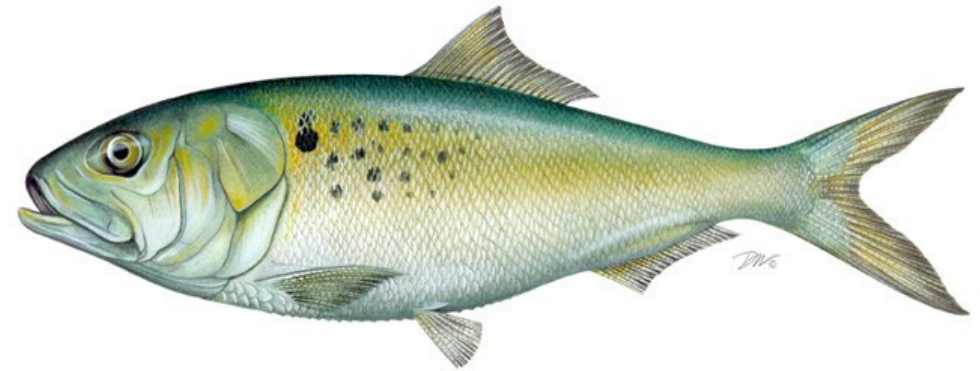




**Atlantic States
Marine Fisheries**
COMMISSION

Atlantic Menhaden Draft Addendum II to Amendment 3

Chesapeake Bay Reduction Fishery



- Overview of ASMFC
- Timeline of Draft Addendum II
- Background
- Review Proposed Management Options
 - Reducing the Chesapeake Bay Cap
 - Chesapeake Bay Cap Distribution
 - Revisit Chesapeake Bay Cap
- Submitting a Public Comment

- Comprised of 15 Atlantic coast states
 - ME-FL participate in mgmt. of menhaden
- Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Mgmt. Act
 - Coordinates management in state waters
- Quarterly Board Meetings
 - One state, three commissioners, one vote

***Vision Statement: Sustainable and Cooperative
Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries***

Draft Addendum II Timeline

Date	Action
October 2025	Atlantic Menhaden Board Initiates Draft Addendum II
November 2025 – July 2026	Plan Development Team Develops Draft Addendum II for Board Review
August 2026	Atlantic Menhaden Board Reviews Draft Addendum II and Considers Its Approval for Public Comment
August– October 2026	Public Comment Period, including Public Hearings
November 2026	Board Reviews Public Comment, Selects Management Options and Considers Final Approval of Addendum II
TBD	Provisions of Addendum II are Implemented

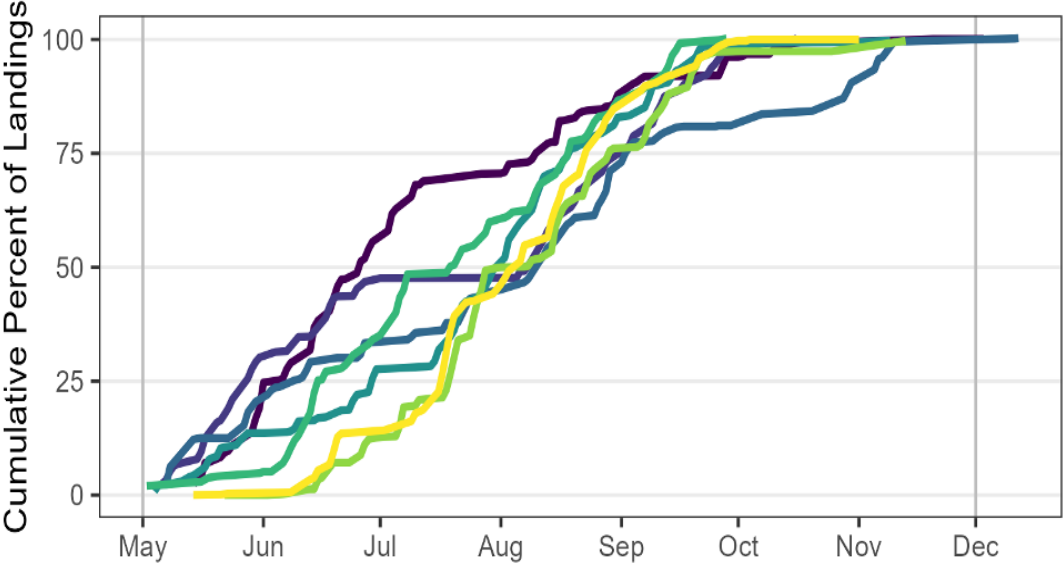


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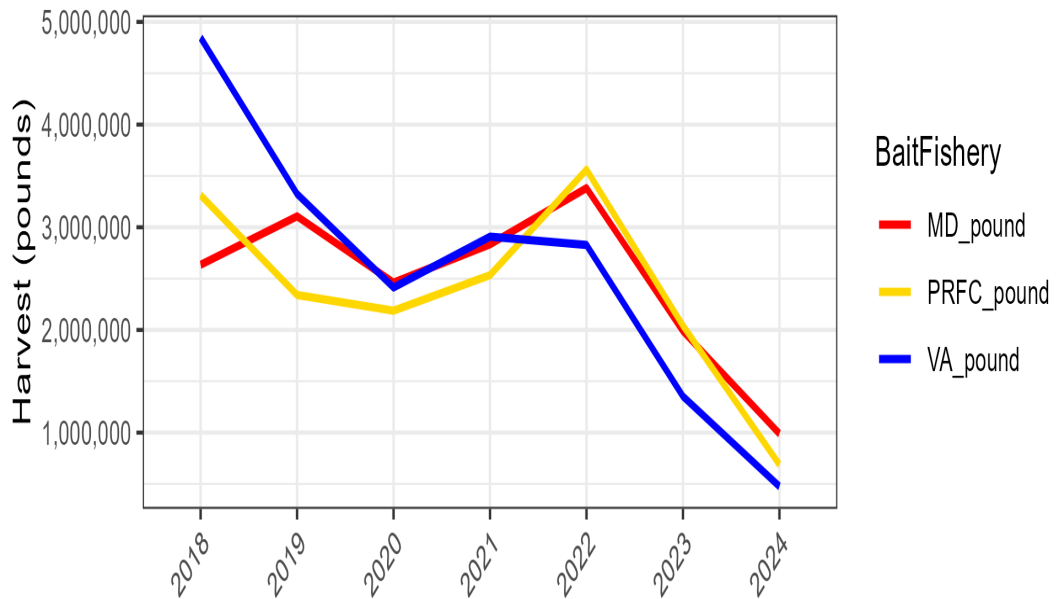
Year	TAC (mt)	Bay Cap (mt)	Bay Cap as Percent of TAC
2006	-	109,020	-
2007	-	109,020	-
2008	-	109,020	-
2009	-	109,020	-
2010	-	109,020	-
2011	-	109,020	-
2012	-	109,020	-
2013	170,800	87,216	51.06%
2014	170,800	87,216	51.06%
2015	187,880	87,216	46.42%
2016	187,880	87,216	46.42%
2017	200,000	87,216	43.61%
2018	216,000	51,000	23.61%
2019	216,000	51,000	23.61%
2020	216,000	51,000*	23.61%
2021	194,400	51,000	26.23%
2022	194,400	51,000	26.23%
2023	233,550	51,000	21.84%
2024	233,550	51,000	21.84%
2025	233,550	51,000	21.84%
2026	186,840	51,000	27.30%



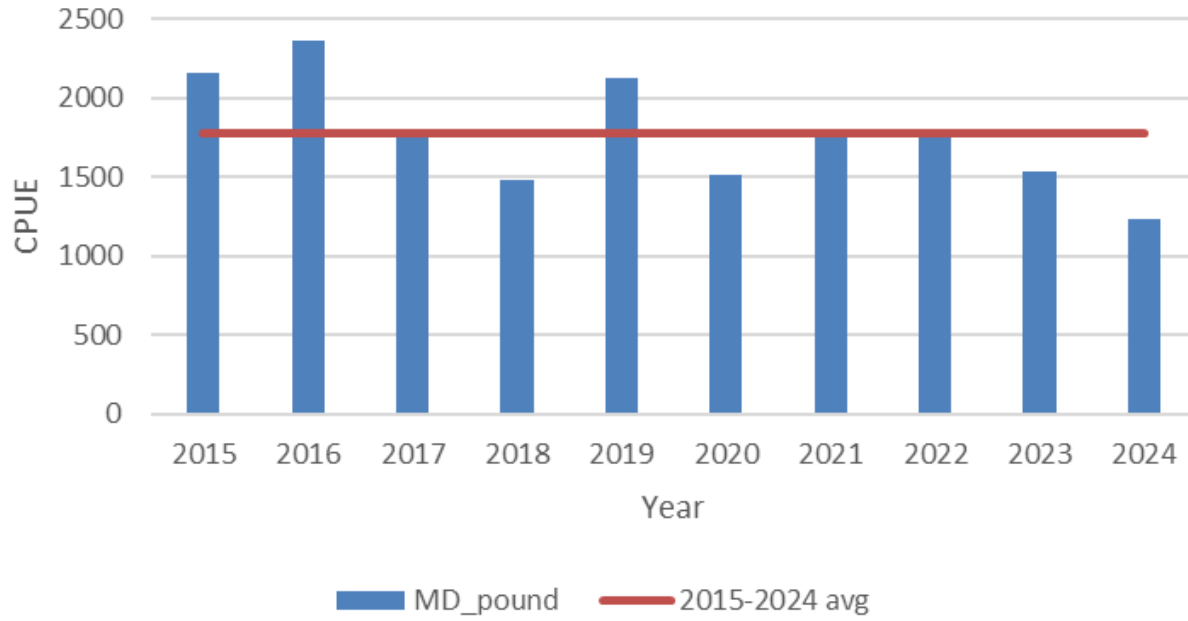
Chesapeake Bay Menhaden Reduction Fishery
Daily Cumulative Landings



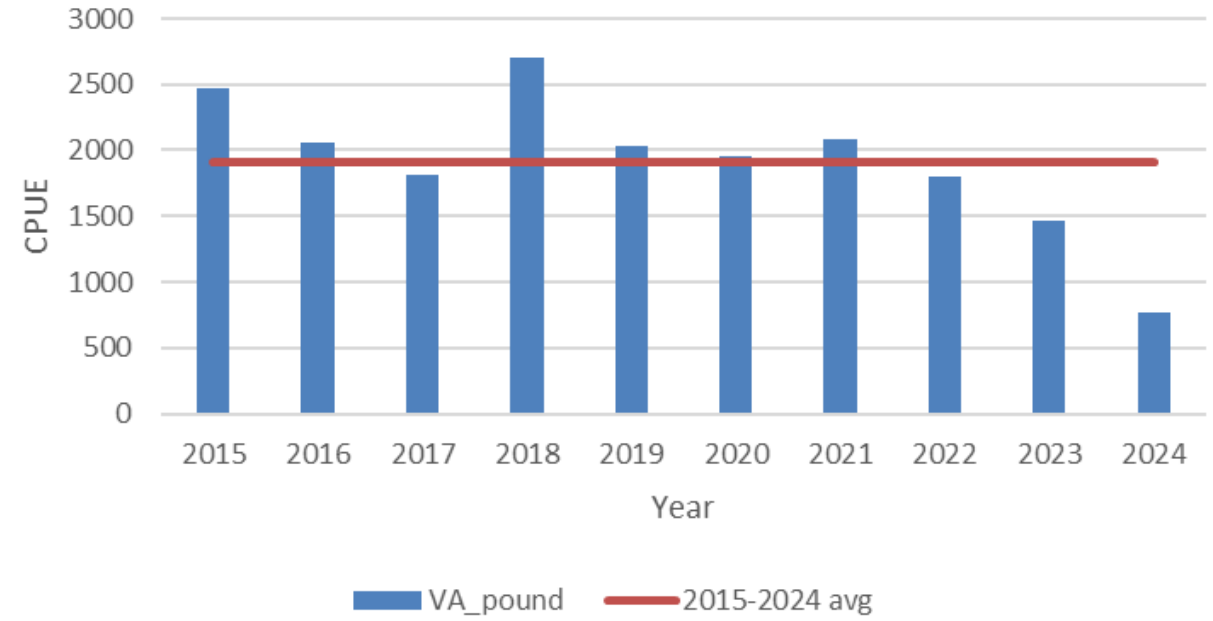
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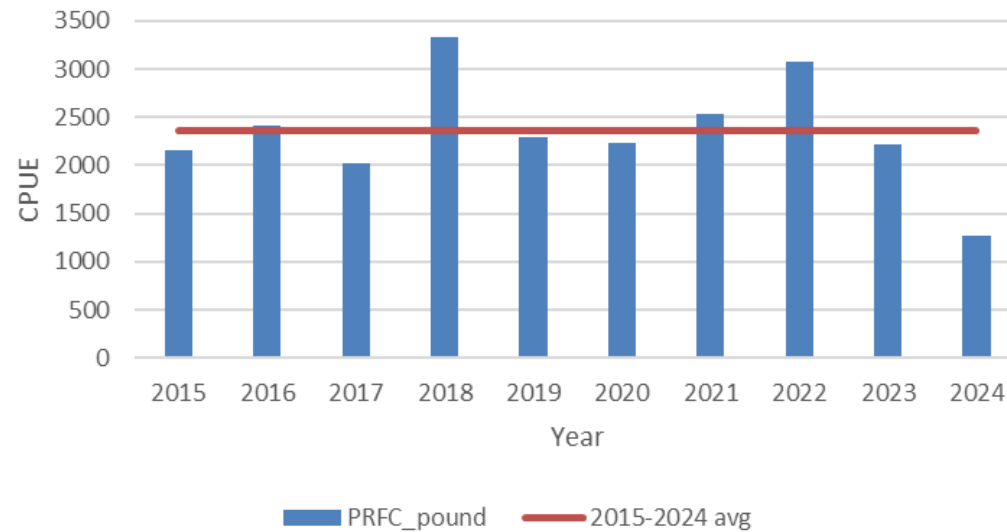
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VA pound net CPUE



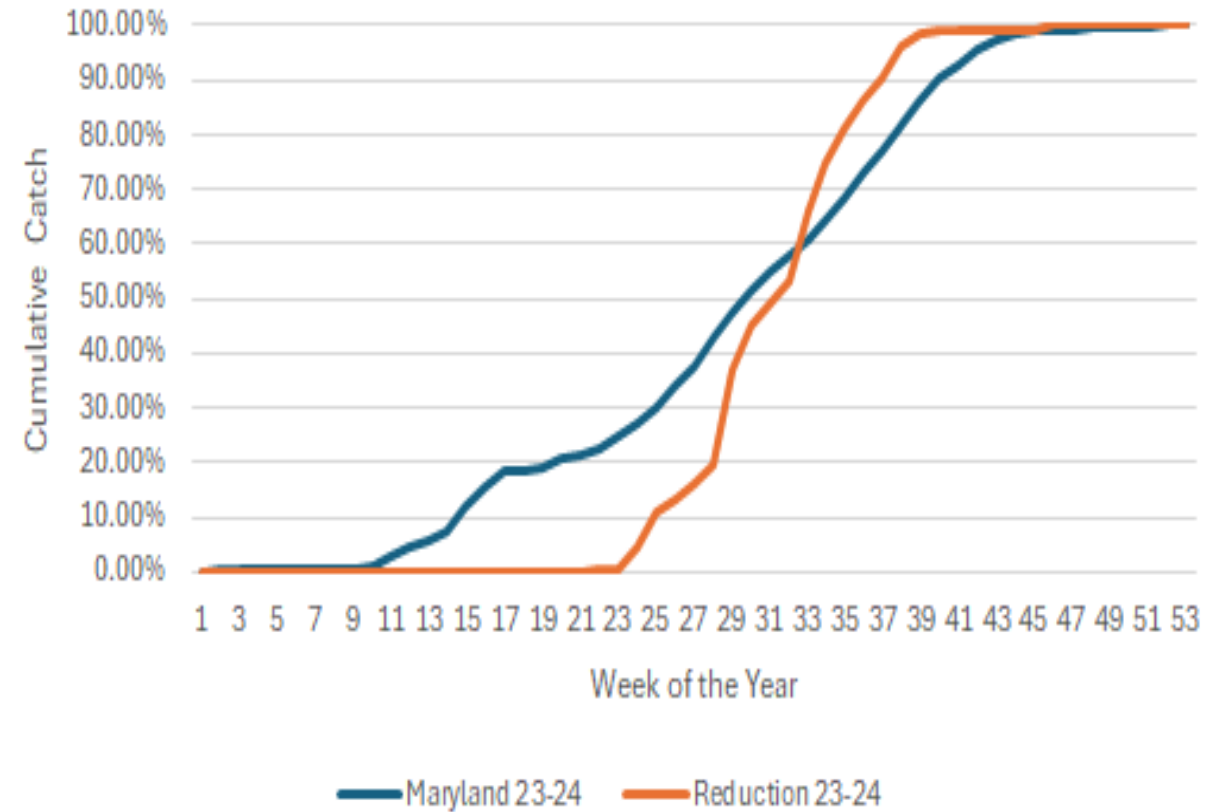
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Pound Net and Reduction Catch Rates

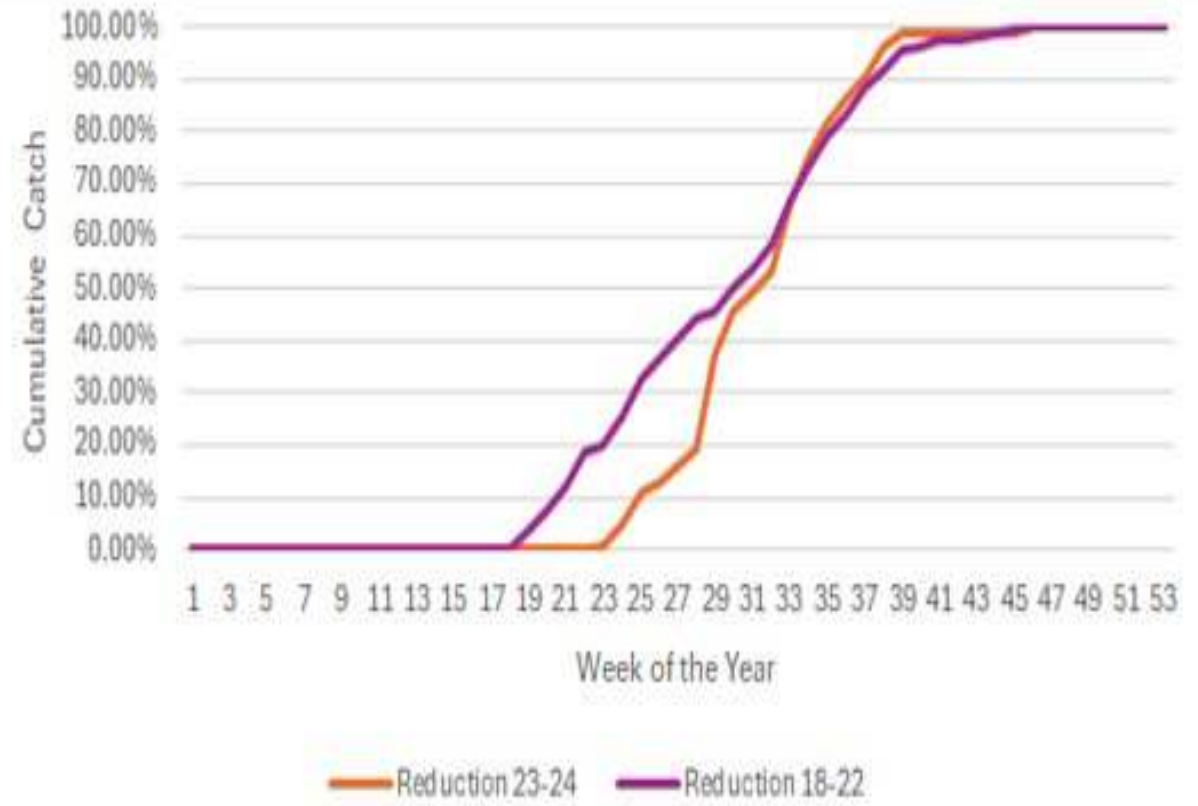
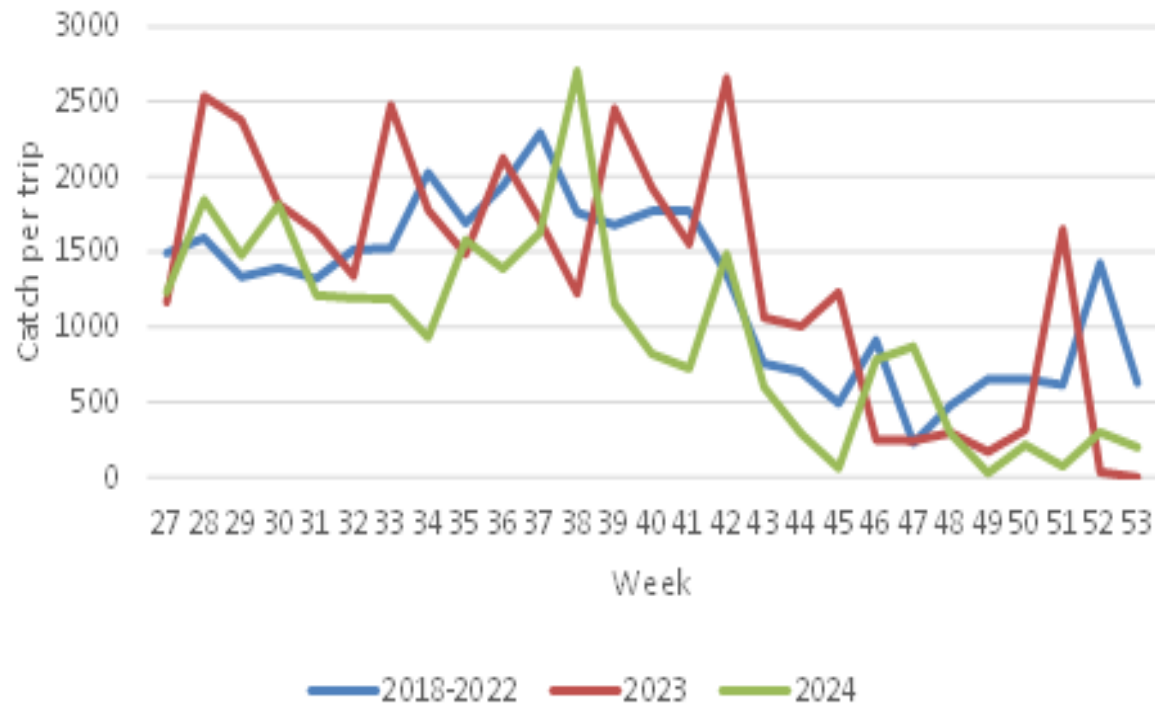
Weekly CPUE for weeks 13-26





Pound Net and Reduction Catch Rates

Weekly pound net CPUE for weeks 27-52



Options Categories

Chesapeake Bay Reduction Fishery Cap Amount (Section 3.1)

Option A (Status Quo): Bay Cap remains 51,000 mt

Option B (One-time reduction): B1. 45,900 mt; B2. 40,800 mt; B3. 35,700 mt; B4. 25,500 mt

Option C (Link Bay Cap to TAC):

1. Proportion of TAC

C1a. 27.3%; C1b. 24.6%; C1c. 21.8%; C1d. 19.1%; C1e. 13.6%

2. Upper and Lower Limits to Cap

C2a. 0-51,000mt; C2b. 25,500-51,000mt; C2c. 0-87,216mt; C2d. 25,500-87,216mt; C2e. 29,000-75,000mt

Chesapeake Bay Cap Distribution (3.2.1)

Option A: (SQ) Annual measure with no quota periods

Option B: Three quota periods:

B1. Even length/Even harvest; B2. Even length/Uneven harvest; B3. Uneven length/Uneven harvest

Quota Period Overages and Underages (3.2.2)

Option A. (SQ) No paybacks

Option B. Quota period overage payback with rollover of unused quota within a fishing year

Underage Sub Option 1: Even rollover to quota periods 2 and 3

Bay Cap Revisit Provision (3.3)

Option A: (SQ) No set timeframe for revisiting the Bay Cap

Option B: Bay Cap revisited every three years

3.1 Bay Cap Amount

- Option A. Status Quo: Chesapeake Bay Cap remains at 51,000 mt.
- Option B. One-time Reduction in the Bay Cap
 - Sub Option B1: Reduce by 10% to 45,900 mt
 - Sub Option B2: Reduce by 20% to 40,800 mt
 - Sub Option B3: Reduce by 30% to 35,700 mt
 - Sub Option B4: Reduce by 50% to 25,500 mt

3.1 Bay Cap Amount

- Option C. Linking the Bay Cap to Coastwide TAC

Option	Proportion	Basis		Cap in 2027 under status quo TAC (186,840 mt)
C1a	27.3%	2026 Bay Cap : 2026 TAC		51,000 mt
C1b	24.6%	10% reduction to 2026 Bay Cap : 2026 TAC		45,900 mt
C1c	21.8%	20% reduction to 2026 Bay Cap : 2026 TAC		40,800 mt
C1d	19.1%	30% reduction to 2026 Bay Cap : 2026 TAC		35,700 mt
C1e	13.6%	50% reduction to 2026 Bay Cap : 2026 TAC		25,500 mt
Option	Upper Limit	Lower Limit	Basis	
C2a.	51,000 mt	None	Upper: Current Bay Cap Lower: n/a	
C2b	51,000 mt	25,500 mt	Upper: Current Bay Cap Lower: Maximum Reduction Under Consideration	
C2c.	87,216 mt	None	Upper: Highest Cap since management with TAC Lower: n/a	
C2d.	87,216 mt	25,500 mt	Upper: Highest Cap since management with TAC Lower: Maximum Reduction Under Consideration	
C2e.	75,000 mt	29,000 mt	Upper/Lower: Approximate 95% confidence intervals around the approximate 2012-2016 mean Chesapeake Bay reduction harvest. Note: if Sub-Option C1e is selected, the lower limit for this option will be 25,500 mt.	

3.2 Chesapeake Bay Cap Distribution

3.2.1 Quota Periods

3.2.2 Overages and Rollovers

3.2.1 Quota Periods

- Option A. Status Quo. The Bay Cap remains an annual measure.

Option	Description	Length of Quota Periods	2027 Time of Year Example*	Percent of total Bay Cap
B1	Even Length & Even Harvest	9 weeks	May 3–Jul 4	33%
		10 weeks	Jul 5–Sep 12	33%
		9 weeks and 5 days	Sep 13–Nov 19	34%
B2	Even Length & Uneven Harvest	9 weeks	May 3–Jul 4	25%
		10 weeks	Jul 5–Sep 12	25%
		9 weeks and 5 days	Sep 13–Nov 19	50%
B3	Uneven Length & Even Harvest	11 weeks	May 3–Jul 18	33%
		6 weeks	Jul 19–Aug 29	33%
		11 weeks and 5 days	Aug 30–Nov 19	34%

3.2.2 Overages and Underages

- Option A. Status Quo. No paybacks
- Option B. Quota period overage payback with rollover of unused quota within a fishing year.
 - Underage Sub Option 1. Even rollover to Quota Periods 2 and 3

Example:

- Quota Periods of 5,000/5,000/10,000 pounds
 - If the fishery catches 7,000/3,000/10,000 pounds (i.e., a Period 1 overage with no Bay Cap overage), then the following year, Period 1 would be reduced by 2,000 pounds and Period 3 would be increased by 2,000 pounds, resulting in allocations of 3,000/5,000/12,000 pounds.

3.3 Revisit Bay Cap

- Option A. Status Quo. There is no set timeframe for the Board to revisit the Bay Cap.
- Option B. Revisit Provision. The Chesapeake Bay Cap will be revisited every three years following implementation of this draft addendum.

Submitting Comments:

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**Deadline for Public Comments is 11:59 PM,
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- Please give your **name, state, and affiliations**
- Then give your comments:
 - Which proposed option do you prefer?
 - Why do you support this option?
 - Is there any additional information you think should be considered?

Tuesday, September 15 In-Person Hearing 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources and Potomac River Fisheries Commission Hearing Location: TBD	Michael Luisi (MD) 443.758.6547 Ingrid Braun-Ricks (PRFC) (804)224-7148
Wednesday, September 16 Hybrid Hearing 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	New York Dept. of Environmental Conservation and Connecticut Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection Note: This is a hybrid meeting (both in-person and virtual). The webinar registration link is available here, and additional webinar instructions are below. Hearing Location: NYSDEC Division of Marine Resources 123 Kings Park Blvd (inside Nissequogue River State Park), Kings Park, NY	Marty Gary (NY) 631.444.0430 Matt Gates (CT) 860.876.4393
Saturday, September 19 In-Person Hearing 10:00 a.m. - Noon	Virginia Marine Resources Commission Hearing Location: Northumberland High School 201 Academic Ln Heathsville, VA	Joe Grist 757.247.8193
Tuesday, September 22 Virtual Hearing 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection and Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife <i>The webinar registration link is available here, and additional webinar instructions are below.</i>	Joseph Cimino (NJ) 609.748.2020 Jordan Zimmeman (DE) 302.739.9108

Attend a Public Hearing

Monday, September 28 In-Person Hearing 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Virginia Marine Resources Commission Hearing Location: Virginia Marine Resources Commission 380 Fenwick Rd, Building 96 Fort Monroe, VA	Joe Grist 757.247.8193
Tuesday, September 29 Virtual Hearing 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Maine Dept. of Natural Resources, New Hampshire Fish and Game, Massachusetts Division of Marine Resources, and Rhode Island Dept. of Environmental Management The webinar registration link is available here , and additional webinar instructions are below.	Megan Ware (ME) 207.446.0932 Renee Zobel (NH) 603.868.1095 Nichola Meserve (MA) 978.290.1672 Nicole Lengyel Costa (RI) 401.222.4700
Thursday, October 1 Virtual Hearing 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	General Public Hearing The webinar registration link is available here , and additional webinar instructions are below.	James Boyle 703.842.0740

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