



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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MEMORANDUM

April 29, 2015

To: Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board
From: Michael Waine, Senior FMP Coordinator
RE: Implementation Status of Addendum IV to Amendment 6

Addendum IV, approved in October 2014, required states to implement regulations that achieve at least a 25% reduction in removals for the coastal fishery and a 20.5% reduction in removals for the Chesapeake Bay fishery prior to their 2015 fishing seasons. Enclosed are tables that detail the current status of the recreational and commercial fishing regulations for Atlantic striped bass within each state/jurisdiction. The regulations implemented were either explicitly part of Addendum IV or approved by the Board through the conservation equivalency process. The Board will review the status of implementation at its May Board meeting.

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Table 1. Status of 2015 Recreational fishery regulations for Atlantic striped bass by state. The “Other” column indicates whether the regulations were approved through conservation equivalency (CE) with Addendum IV or it specifies area specific regulations.

Status	Mode/Region	Size Limits	Bag Limits	Other	Open Season
Maine					
Decision	All	28” min	1	Addendum IV	1/1 – 12/31
May 7th	All	24 - 26” slot	1	CE Addendum IV	1/1 – 12/31
New Hampshire					
FINAL	All	28” min	1	Addendum IV	1/1 – 12/31
Massachusetts					
FINAL	All	28” min	1	Addendum IV	1/1 – 12/31
Rhode Island					
FINAL	All	28” min	1	Addendum IV	1/1 – 12/31
Connecticut					
FINAL	All	28” min	1	Addendum IV	1/1 – 12/31
New York Marine					
FINAL	All	28” min	1	Addendum IV	4/15 – 12/15
New York Delaware River					
FINAL	All	28” min	1	Addendum IV	1/1 – 12/31
New York Hudson River (North of the George Washington Bridge River mile 12)					
FINAL	All	(1) 18-28” (exclusive of 28”) slot OR (1) > 40”	1	CE Addendum IV	4/01 – 11/30
New Jersey					
Expected May 7th	All	(1) 28 to <43” slot, (1) ≥43”	2	CE Addendum IV	All year except closures 1.1-2.28 in intra-coastal waters & 4.1-5.31 in lower DE River
Pennsylvania					
FINAL	DE Estuary	21 – 25” slot	2	DE Estuary	4/1 – 5/31
	DE Estuary	28” min	1	DE Estuary	1/1 – 3/31, 6/1 – 12/31
	DE River	28” min	1	DE River	1/1 – 12/31

Table 1. Continued

Status	Mode/Region	Size Limits	Bag Limits	Other	Open Season
Delaware					
FINAL	All	28" min, NO harvest 38 – 43"(inclusive)	2	CE Addendum IV	1/1 - 12/31 (catch & release 4/1 – 5/31)
	DE Bay, River and Tributaries	20 – 25" (inclusive) slot	2		7/1 – 8/31
Maryland					
FINAL	Coastal	28" min	1	Addendum IV	1/1 - 12/31
FINAL	Trophy	(1) 28 to ≤36" slot, OR (1) ≥40"	1	CE Addendum IV	3 rd Saturday of April - 5/15
FINAL	Chesapeake Bay Summer/Fall	(2) 20 – 28" slot OR (1) 20 – 28" slot, (1) ≥28"	2	CE Addendum IV	5/16 – 12/20
District of Columbia					
FINAL	All	(2) 20 – 28" slot OR (1) 20 – 28" slot, (1) > 28"	2	CE Addendum IV	5/16 - 12/31
Potomac River Fisheries Commission					
FINAL	Trophy	(1) 28 to ≤36" slot, OR (1) >40"	1	CE Addendum IV	3 rd Saturday of April – 5/15
FINAL	Summer/Fall	(2) 20" min OR (1) 20 – 28" slot, (1) > 28"	2	CE Addendum IV	5/16 – 12/31
Virginia					
FINAL	Coastal	28" min	1	Addendum IV	1/1 – 3/31, 5/16 – 12/31
FINAL	Chesapeake Bay	(2) 20 – 28" slot OR (1) 20 – 28" slot, (1) > 36"	2	CE Addendum IV	5/16 – 6/15
		(2) 20 - 28" slot OR (1) 20 – 28" slot, (1) > 28"	2	CE Addendum IV	10/4 – 12/31
FINAL	Trophy	36" min	1	CE Addendum IV	5/1 – 5/15 (Coastal), 5/1 – 6/15 (Chesapeake Bay)
North Carolina					
FINAL	All	28" min	1	Addendum IV	1/1 – 12/31

Table 2. Status of 2015 Commercial fishery regulations for Atlantic striped bass by state. The “Other” column indicates whether the regulations were approved through conservation equivalency (CE) with Addendum IV or it specifies area specific regulations.

Maine, New Hampshire, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania					
No Commercial Fishery, OR Do Not Use Commercial Quota					
Status	Mode/Region	Size Limits	Seasonal Quota	Other	Open Season
Massachusetts					
FINAL	All	34” min	869,813 lbs	Addendum IV	6/23 – 9/1
Rhode Island					
FINAL	General Category	34” min	111,459 lbs	Addendum IV	6/8 – 8/31; 9/8 – 12/31
	Floating Fish Trap	26” min	70,113 lbs	CE Addendum IV	4/1 – 12/31
Connecticut (No commercial fishing, use quota for recreational bonus fish program)					
FINAL	All Areas	22” – 28” slot (1 tag and reporting card per fish harvested)	3,018 vouchers	CE Addendum IV	5/1 – 12/31
New York					
FINAL	All	28 – 38” slot	795,795 lbs	Addendum IV	7/1 – 12/15
New Jersey (No commercial fishing, use quota for recreational bonus fish program)					
Expected May 7th	All	1 fish 24” to < 28”	215,912 lbs	CE Addendum IV	09/01 – 12/31
Delaware					
FINAL	Gill Net	20” min	137,831 lbs	DE Bay and River in Spring	2/15 – 5/31 (2/15 – 3/30 Nanticoke River)
		28” min		All other waters, DE Bay and River in Fall	11/15 – 12/31
FINAL	Hook & Line	28” min	14,509 lbs		4/1 – 12/31

Table 2. Continued

Status	Mode/Region	Size Limits	Seasonal Quota	Other	Open Season
Maryland					
FINAL	Atlantic	24" min	90,727 lbs	Trawl & Drift Gill Net	1/1 – 3/30, 11/1 – 12/31
FINAL	Chesapeake Bay	18" – 36" slot	1,471,888 lbs	Drift Gill Net H&L, Haul Seine, Pound Net	1/1 – 2/28, 12/1 – 12/31 6/1 – 11/30
Potomac River Fisheries Commission					
FINAL	Gill Net	18" min 18" – 36" slot	355,810 lbs	CE Addendum IV	1/1 – 2/14, 11/10 – 12/31 2/15 – 3/25
	Pound Net	18" – 36" slot 18" min	130,090 lbs		2/15 – 3/25 6/1 – 12/15
	Hook & Line	18" – 36" slot 18" min	83,462 lbs		2/15 – 3/25 6/1 – 12/31
	Miscellaneous	18" – 36" slot 18" min	14,000 lbs		2/15 – 3/25 6/1 – 12/15
Virginia					
FINAL	Coastal	28" min	138,640 lbs	Addendum IV	1/16 – 12/31
FINAL	Chesapeake Bay	18" min 18" – 28" slot	1,064,997 lbs	CE Addendum IV	1/16 – 3/25, 6/16 – 12/31 3/26 – 6/15
North Carolina					
FINAL	All	28" min	360,360 lbs	Addendum IV	12/1 – 11/30