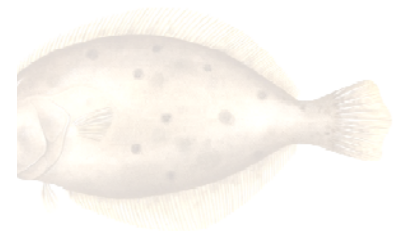
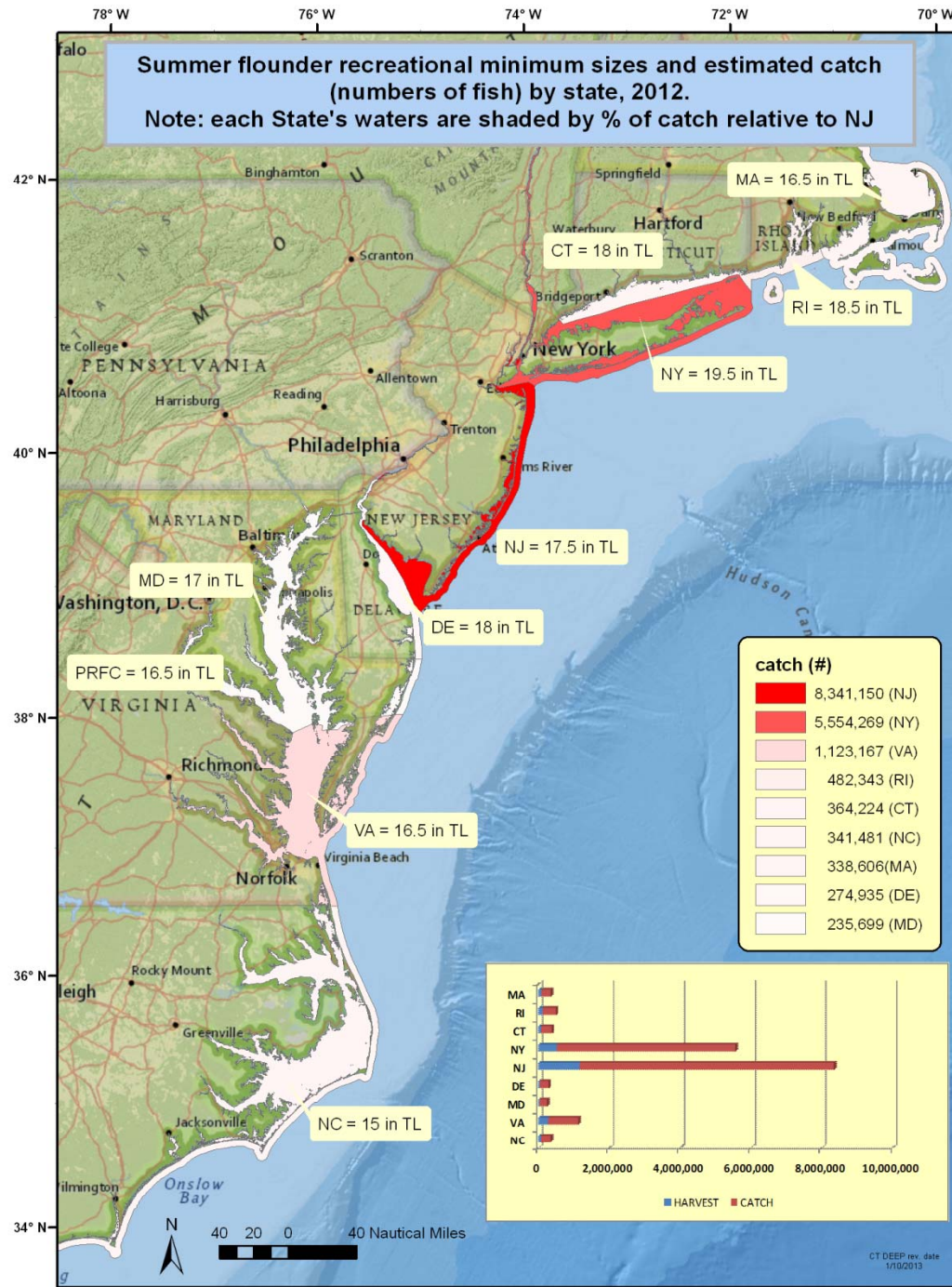




Summer Flounder 2013 Recreational Proposals

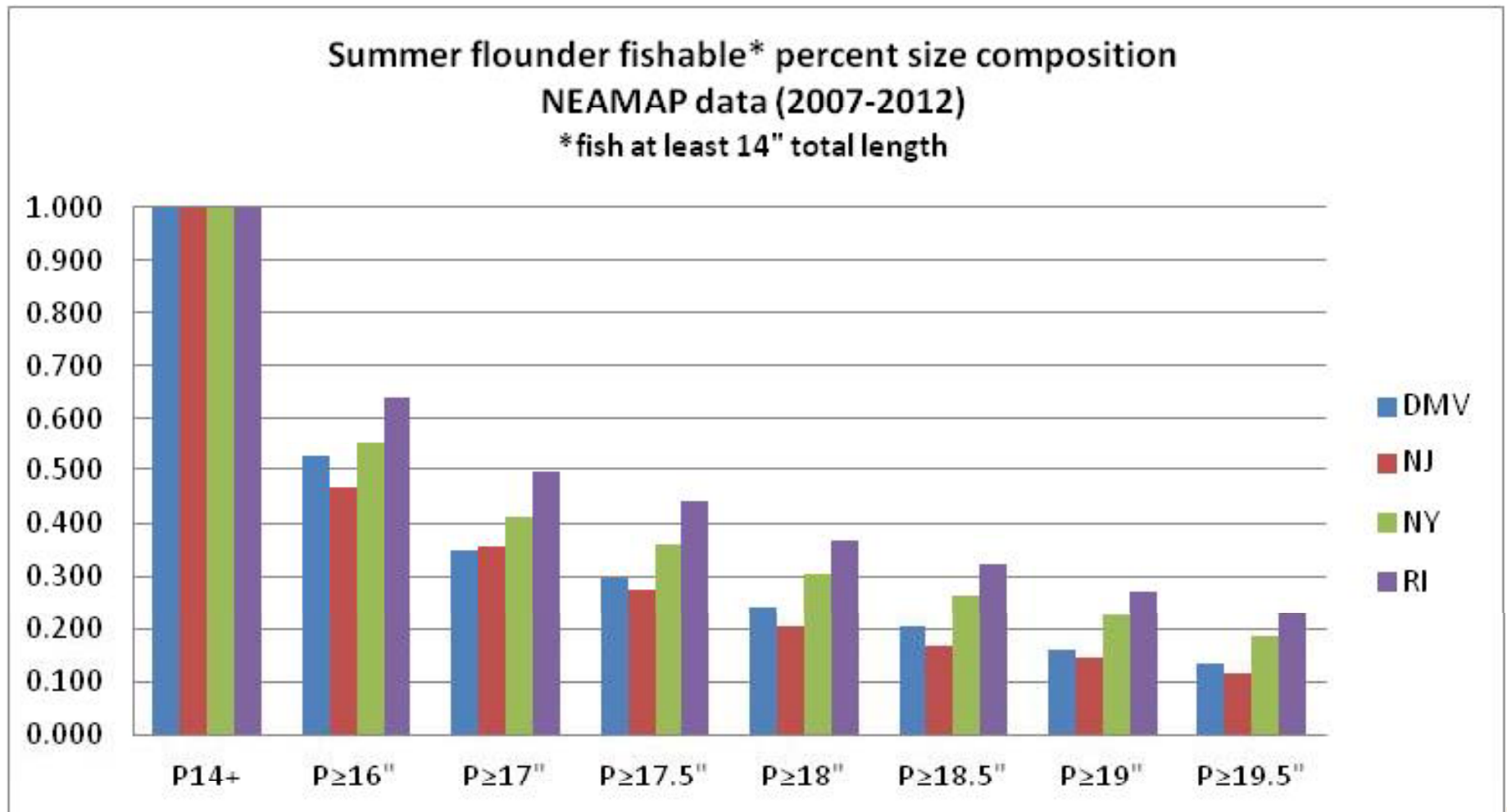
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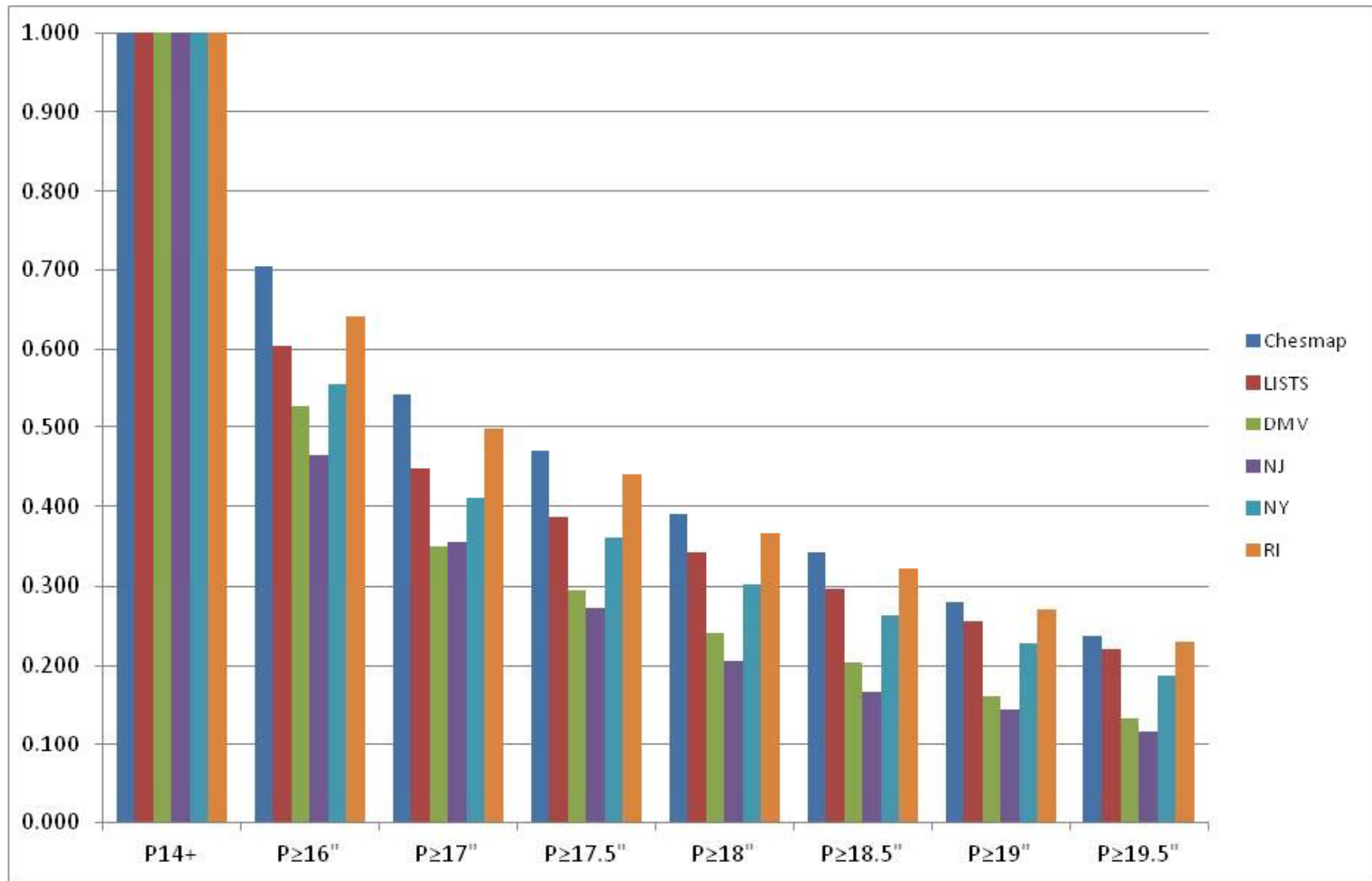


Fluke Availability by Size and Area





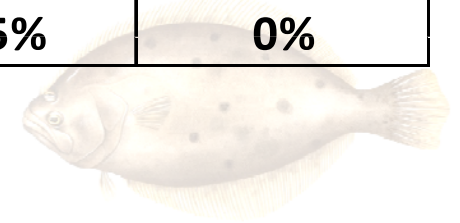
Fluke Availability by Size and Area





Fluke Targets

State	2012 Target	2012 projected estimated harvest	2013 Target	% Reduction	% Liberalization	Proposed harvest liberalization
MA	153,089	77,375	137,307		77.5%	15-22%
RI	157,885	103,669	141,609		36.6%	28%
CT	104,324	61,969	93,569		51.0%	13-42%
NY	491,642	514,328	440,960	14.3%		
NJ	1,090,407	1,153,975	977,998	15.2%		
DE	87,536	38,469	78,512	-104.1%	104.1%	10-82%
MD	82,340	20,699	73,852	-256.8%	256.8%	17-181%
VA	465,661	262,828	417,657	-58.9%	58.9%	4-53%
NC	156,286	60,802	140,175	-130.5%	130.5%	0%





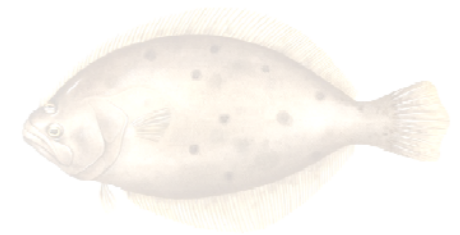
2013 State Proposals

MA

Option #	Min Size	Bag Limit	Open Season	Liberalization
1	16.0"	5 fish	May 22-September 30	15-22%

RI

Option	Min Size	Bag Limit	Season	Liberalization
1	18.5"	8	May 1-December 31	0%
2	18.0"	8	May 1-December 31	28%





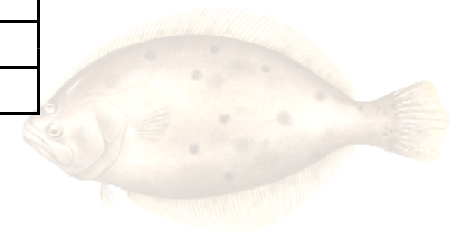
2013 State Proposals

CT

Option	Min Size	Bag Limit	Season	Liberalization
1	18"	5	May 15-October 31	0%
2	18"	5	May 1-October 31	14.8%
3	17.5"	5	May 15-October 31	23.8%
4	18"	8	May 15-October 31	13.5%
5	17"	5	May 15-October 31	38.4%
6	17.5	5	May 1-October 31	42.1%

NY

Option	Min Size	Bag Limit	Season	Reduction
1	19.5	4	May 3 – August 22	14.54%
2	19.5	4	May 10 – August 27	14.36%
3	19.5	4	May 18-September 8	14.36%
4	19.5	4	May 17-September 4	14.41%
5	19.5	4	May 20-September 15	14.44%
6	19.5	4	May 22-September 23	14.34%
7	19.5	4	May 24-September 30	14.42%

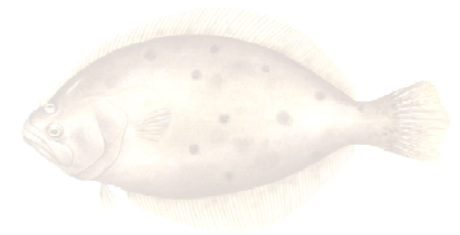




2013 State Proposals

NJ

Option	Min Size	Bag Limit	Open Season	Reduction
Status Quo	17.5	5	May 5-Sept 28	0%
1	17.5"	5	May 24 – Sept 21	15.3%
2	17.5"	5	May 18 – Sept 16	15.5%
3	17.5"	5	May 4 – Sept 5	15.5%
4	18"	5	May 18 – Sept 26	15.4%
5	18"	5	May 11 – Sept 20	15.6%
6	18"	5	May 1 – Sept 12	15.6%
7	18.5"	5	May 1 – Oct 31	15.5%





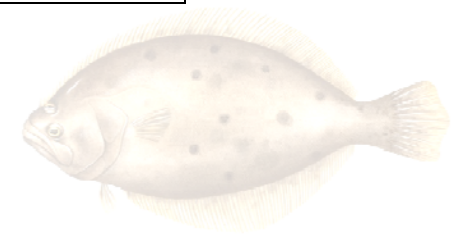
2013 State Proposals

DE

Option	Min Size	Bag Limit	Open Season	Liberalization
1	18"	4	January 1-October 23	0%
2	17.5"	4	All Year	10.1%
3	17"	4	All Year	40.1%
4	16.5"	4	All Year	81.8%

MD

Option	Min Size	Bag Limit	Open Season	Liberalization
1	17.5"	3	April 14-December 16	0%
2	17"	3	All Year	17%
3	16"	3	All Year	105%
4	16"	4	All Year	108%
5	15"	3	All Year	181%





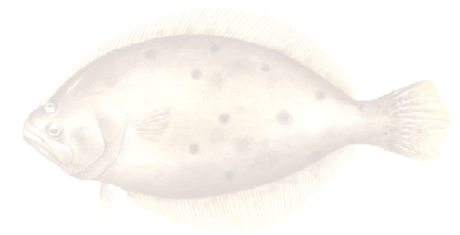
2013 State Proposals

VA

Option	Min Size	Bag Limit	Open Season	Liberalization
1	16.5"	4	All year	0%
2	15.5"	4	All year	26-53%
3	16"	4	All year	14-29%
4	16.5"	5	All year	4%

NC: Status Quo

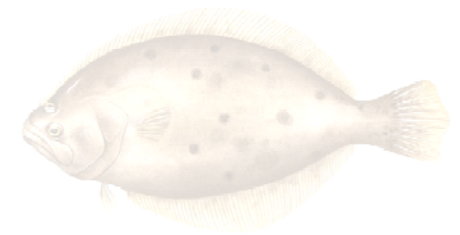
- Minimum Size: 15"
- Possession Limit: 6 fish
- Open Season: All Year





2013 Summer Flounder

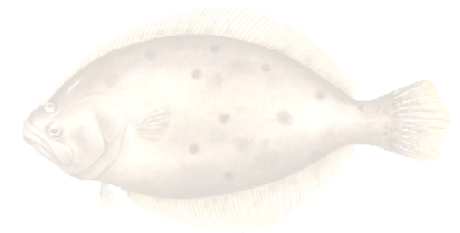
- States utilize the maximum proposed harvest
 - 176,500 fish projected to not be harvested
- States utilize the minimum proposed harvest
 - 389,953 fish projected to not be harvest
- For NY to remain status quo
 - 73,368 additional fish are needed
- For NY to drop to a 19” min size
 - 162,347 additional fish are needed
- For NY to drop to a 18.5” min size
 - 337,040 additional fish are needed





2013 Summer Flounder

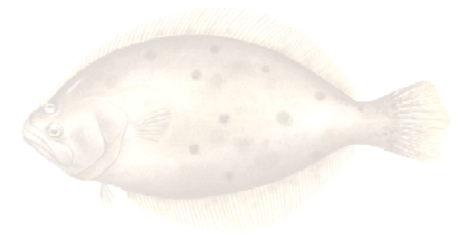
- For NJ to remain status quo
 - 175,977 additional fish are needed





2013 Summer Flounder

SQ change	2012 landed	2013 target	State	2013 Share Option	Draft 2013 share change	Draft reg
-14.26%	514,328	440,960	NY	778,000	337040	18.5"/4 5/1 to 9/30
-15.25%	1,153,974	977,998	NJ	1,000,000	-13.3%	18"/5 5/1 to 9/30
+73%	625,815	1,082,708	Others	723,666	+15%	
	2,294,117	2,501,666	Total	2,501,666		





Scup 2013 Recreational Proposals

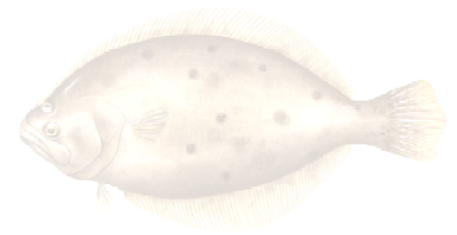
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2013 Scup Recreational Measures

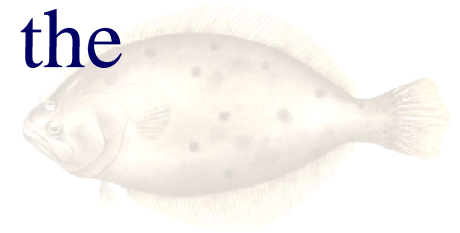
- Northern Region (MA-NY) target 6,781,019 fish.
- Liberalize harvest of 88% or 3,609,489 fish
- TC cautions some liberalizations
 - Quality and quantity of underlying data
 - Historical volatile nature of fishery





Analysis

- Customization of the region
- Data sources for analysis
 - Use combo of VTRs from NY+RI, MA survey, and MRIP
- Shore mode harvest is estimated from MRFSS 2001 harvest when there was a 9” size limit
- It was found that even under the most liberal scenario proposed by Commissioners, the percent increase in harvest was below the allowed liberalization level.





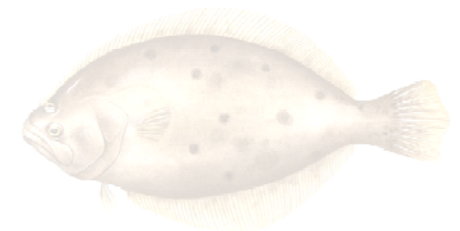
Proposed Measures

➤ Proposed by Commissioners

- 10” min size with 9” shore mode for MA, RI, CT
- 30 fish bag limit with a bonus season of 45 fish for party and charter for one wave or 61 days
- Season May 1-December 31

➤ Simple option from TC

- 10” min size
- 40 fish bag
- Season May 1-December 31
- CT maintains current shore mode at 9”





Black Sea Bass Quota for 2013

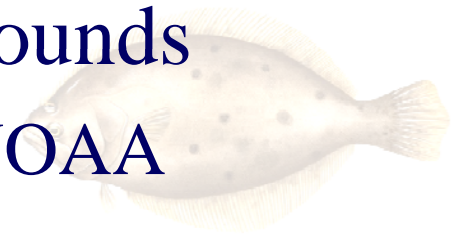
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Black Sea Bass Quota Review

- SSC reconsidered recommendation for the 2013 ABC and recommend a 2014 ABC
- Reconsidered 2008 as foundation for the ABC
 - Stock above Bmsy
 - Conservative catch
 - Other stocks above Bmsy managed with ABC of ~75% of OFL
 - During rebuilding supported catches of 2,721 mt
- Recommended ABC of 5.5 million pounds
 - Council recommended this increase to NOAA

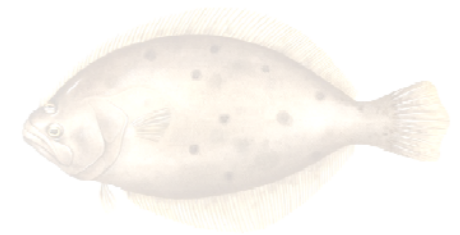




Recommended 2013 Quota

Table A. Recommendations for Black Sea Bass 2013 and 2014

OFL	NA	
ABC	5.50 mil lb (2,494 mt)	
	Commercial	Recreational
ACLs	2.60 mil lb (1,180 mt)	2.90 mil lb (1,314 mt)
ACTs	2.60 mil lb (1,180 mt)	2.90 mil lb (1,314 mt)
Landings levels*	2.17 mil lb (984 mt)	2.26 mil lb (1,024 mt)





**Draft Addendum XXIII for
Public Comment
Black Sea Bass Recreational
Management
February 2013**





Addendum Time Line

- **Board considers approval for public comment (December 2012)**
- **Public comment (January 2013)**
- **Board reviews comment (February 2013)**
- **Final Action (February 2013)**



Purpose

- **Proposes to sub-divide the recreational black sea bass coastwide allocation into regional or state-by-state management for 2013**



Proposed Action

- **Addendum XXII expired at the end of 2012, which allowed for state-by-state measures in the recreational black sea bass fishery**
- **The Board found that regulations impact states differently**
- **Board initiated Addendum to give management flexibility to mitigate potential disproportionate impact on states that can result from coastwide measures**



State vs Federal Waters

- **MA, RI, CT, and NY majority of the fishery occurs in state waters >85%**
- **NJ to NC the majority of fishery occurs in the EEZ.**
 - **NJ and VA > 65%**
 - **DE, MD, and NC >75%**



MRIP Harvest

	MRIP Harvest Estimate (numbers of fish)				Proportion of the total coastwide Harvest			
	2009	2010	2011	2012*	2009	2010	2011	2012*
MA	403,748	702,138	194,752	567,183	0.23	0.32	0.24	0.33
RI	35,972	160,427	50,203	100,263	0.02	0.07	0.06	0.06
CT	465	15,682	8,378	11,037	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01
NY	566,483	543,243	274,473	286,554	0.32	0.24	0.34	0.17
NJ	583,373	687,451	148,487	670,978	0.33	0.31	0.19	0.39
DE	37,345	21,028	42,961	36,495	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.02
MD	33,082	36,018	47,445	23,122	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.01
VA	114,804	29,718	18,964	3,815	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.00
NC**	9,448	23,934	13,945	3,419	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00
total	1,784,720	2,219,639	799,608	1,702,866	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
MA-NJ	1,590,041	2,108,941	676,293	1,636,015	0.89	0.95	0.85	0.96
DE-NC	194,679	110,698	123,315	66,851	0.11	0.05	0.15	0.04

* The 2012 harvest estimate was projected using the average proportion of landing in waves 3 , 4, 5 from 2010 and 2011 and the % harvest in state waters

** NC harvest estimate is from North of Cape Hatteras only.



Management Options

Option 1: Coastwide measures

- **2013 recreational measures would be set using a single coastwide size limit, bag limit, and season.**
- **A 32 % reduction in harvest in numbers of fish would be required to achieve the 2013 RHL (2.26 million pounds or 1.23 million fish).**



Management Options

Option 2: State-by-State Measures

- **states would implement individual recreational management programs using size limits, possession limits, and seasonal designed to achieve a specific harvest reduction, when combined with the other states in the management unit, achieve the required coastwide reduction for 2013.**



Option 2: State-by-State

MRIP

MRIP	Average of the last 3 years	Average of the last 2 years
MA	34.3%	36.6%
RI	21.0%	29.2%
CT	69.0%	49.2%
NY	1.8%	7.6%
NJ	42.8%	42.4%
DE	29.9%	-2.8%
MD	-17.4%	-44.0%
VA	-250.5%	-181.8%
NC**	-207.7%	-139.7%



Management Options

Option 3: 2 Regions

- **Each region would implement programs using identical size limits, possession limits, and seasons to achieve a specific harvest reduction**



Management Options

Option 4: 2 Regions

- **Each region would implement programs using size limits, possession limits, and seasons to achieve a specific harvest reduction**
- **States would agree to regulations within the region**
- **While not required, states will work to develop consistent regulations to allow for a seamless as possible regional program**



Management Program

For Both Option 3 and 4: MRFSS Data

- **Reduction based on the proportion of catch:**

A. Average of 2010, 2011, and 2012

- Northern Region MA-NJ=33.7% reduction
- Southern Region DE-NC= 14.6% liberalization

B. Average of 2011, and 2012

- Northern Region MA-NJ= 34.4% reduction
- Southern Region DE-NC= 34.3% liberalization



Management Program

Option 5: Ad Hoc Region

- States implement state regulations that when combined with all other states programs would achieve a 32% reduction
 - No specific reduction for any individual state
- States would work to develop consistent regulation to allow for a seamless program, but it is not required



Addendum Timeframe

Option 1: Status Quo

- **The addendum would expire at the end of 2013. After 2013, measures would revert back to the FMP coastwide measures.**

Option 2: One year extension could be approved through Board Action



Public Comment

- **Hearing was held in RI**
- **3 public comments were received**
- **Support for regions:**
 - **NC-DE, NJ, NY-MA**
 - **Support for 2 region option 3 (2)**
- **Support for state-by-state measures (2)**
- **Addendum expire 2013(3)**



Technical Committee Report

- **The TC felt they could utilize the same methodologies as for other species to determine reduction strategies**
- **The methodology chosen would change depending on whether the Board votes for regional, state by state, or ad hoc management**
- **Once this part was determined, the TC could determine the most appropriate analysis strategy and the best data sources for the analysis**



LEC Report

- **Recommend coastwide or consistent regional regulations (Option 1 or Option 3)**
- **Issues emerge when regulations between state and federal waters do not match**
- **Differing closed periods are difficult to enforce and create confusion for the public**
- ***Consistency is the key and the larger the area encompassing consistent regulations, the better***



Advisory Panel Report

- **AP did not meet on the specific options in the document but**
- **AP comments at their November meeting was to allow for the states to develop measures to meet their fishery needs**