



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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*Working towards healthy, self-sustaining populations for all Atlantic coast fish species, or successful restoration
well in progress by the year 2015*

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ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Board will meet September 1, 2009 to Discuss Recreational Overages

The ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Board will meet September 1, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss recreational overages via a web based conference call. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board directed the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board (Board) to consider potential overages for all three species and take action prior to September 1. This directive was taken in response information presented to the Policy Board regarding available black sea bass preliminary recreational harvest estimates and projections indicating that harvest will likely result in significant quota overages. Board action could include emergency measures to prevent further overages in recreational fisheries for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass.

To join the call, please go to the ASMFC website upcoming meetings for instructions for the web and telephone portions of the call, <http://www.asmfc.org/meetings.htm>. For more information, please contact Robert Beal, ISFMP Director, at (202)289-6400 or <rbeal@asmfc.org>.

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The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission was formed by the 15 Atlantic coastal states in 1942 for the promotion and protection of coastal fishery resources. The Commission serves as a deliberative body of the Atlantic coastal states, coordinating the conservation and management of nearshore fishery resources, including marine, shell and anadromous species.

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