

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Amendment 5 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass

ADDENDUM III

**1999- 2000 Fisheries
Albemarle/Roanoke Stock Recovery
Delaware River Stock Recovery**



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INTRODUCTION

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Striped Bass Management Board has approved this addendum to address interstate striped bass fisheries for 1999 and 2000. Specifically, the addendum outlines regulations for commercial and recreational fishermen, and codifies stock recovery in the Albemarle/Roanoke and Delaware River estuaries or "producer" areas. This action was taken under the Commission's adaptive management process, which permits the states to make minor periodic adjustments to their cooperative fishery management plans.

This addendum maintains 1998 state regulations (see attached) through 1999 and 2000. Since the 1997 fishing mortality estimate was very close to the target $F = 0.31$, and since Amendment 5 stipulates that no harvest increases should be imposed in this situation, the Management Board decided that "status quo" was the most prudent policy for the next two years. However, if the 1998 fishing mortality estimate is significantly above the target, then the states can still take action in 1999 to reduce harvest to safe levels in 2000.

Under Addendum III, jurisdictions may continue to submit alternative state management plans as per Section 4.5 of Amendment 5. These proposals could be approved by the Management Board as long they are deemed conservationally equivalent to the standards in Amendment 5. State harvest and monitoring reports are due May 15 of each year for all jurisdictions.

In addition, the states have determined that the Roanoke River and Delaware River stocks of striped bass have recovered to historic levels of spawning biomass. The Roanoke stock has been protected under various North Carolina fishery management plans since the 1980's, and computer simulation models in conjunction with field studies verify that the spawning biomass in this extreme southern stock has been restored to levels seen in the 1960's. This recovery allows North Carolina to liberalize certain regulations inside the estuary to achieve the Amendment 5 fishing mortality target. The Delaware River stock is known to mix extensively with the Chesapeake stock, and the states of Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey have been permitted to use the same target mortality rate established for the Chesapeake Bay ($F=0.31$) since the adoption of Amendment 5.

1998 COMMERCIAL FISHERY REGULATIONS - ATLANTIC STRIPED BASS*

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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*TBA: To be announced

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| STATE | SIZE LIMITS | SEASONAL QUOTA (LB) | OPEN SEASON |
|-------|---|--|--|
| ME | no fishery | | |
| NH | no fishery | 4,000 | |
| MA | 34" min. | 750,000 | 7 July until quota reached (3 wks open, 1 wk. closed, 3 wks. open) |
| RI | 36" min. (H&L) 24" (trap net) | 95,138 (hook & line) 55,863 (trap net) | 1 June - July (3 fish, H&L) Aug. till quota reached (2 fish, H&L) |
| CT | no fishery | | |
| NY | 24" - 36" | 590,155 | July 1 - Dec. 15 |
| NJ | no fishery | Bonus fishery of 225,000 lbs. from commercial cap | |
| PA | no fishery | | |
| DE | 20" | 184,046 lb. (100 lb./day hook & line) | 1 Mar. - 30 April, 1-30 Dec. (gillnet) 1 Oct. - 31 Dec. (hook/line) <u>Spawning grounds:</u> 1 June - 31 Mar. |
| MD | BAY & RIVERS: 18" min. OCEAN: 24" min. | BAY & RIVERS: 2,348,550 (portion of 10,500,000 lb. baywide quota) OCEAN: 91,000 | BAY & RIVERS: 1 June 98 - 28 Feb. 99 OCEAN: 1 Nov. 98 - 30 Apr. 99 |
| PRFC | 18" | 883,850 (portion of 10,500,000 lb. baywide quota) | Seasons for fyke nets, haul seines, gillnets, poundnets, and hook/line fisheries to be established between June 98- Mar. 99. |
| DC | no fishery | | |

| STATE | SIZE LIMITS | SEASONAL QUOTA (LB) | OPEN SEASON |
|-------|--|--|---|
| VA | BAY & RIVERS: 18" OCEAN: 28" min. | 1,701,748 (Bay & ocean) (portion of 10,500,000 lb. baywide quota) | 1 Feb. - until quota reached |
| NC | ALBEMARLE SD. 18" min. OCEAN: 28" | ALBEMARLE SD. 125,440 OCEAN: 336,000 | ALBEMARLE SD. Spring and Fall seasons OCEAN: Dec. 1 till quota met |

1998 RECREATIONAL FISHERY REGULATIONS - ATLANTIC STRIPED BASS*

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| STATE | SIZE LIMITS | DAILY CREEL LIMIT | SEASONAL QUOTA (LB) | OPEN SEASON |
|-------|---|--|--|---|
| ME | 20-26" 40" | 1 1 per day $\geq 40"$ | none | 10 June - 15 Oct. <u>Catch & release only.</u> <u>spawning areas:</u> 1 May - 30 Jun |
| NH | 32" min. | 1 | none | All year |
| MA | 28" min. | 1 | none | All year |
| RI | 28" min. | 2 | none | All year |
| CT | 28" min. | 2 | none | All year |
| NY | HUDSON RIVER: 18" min. OCEAN AND DELAWARE R.: 28" min. | HUDSON RIVER: 1 OCEAN: 1 CHARTER AND DELAWARE R. 2 | none | HUDSON RIVER: 15 Mar. - 30 Nov. OCEAN: 8 May - 15 Dec. DEL. RIVER: All year |
| NJ | 28" min. BONUS: 28" min. | 2 BONUS: 1/day in addition to regular fishery | Bonus fishery of 225,000 lbs. from commercial cap. | <u>Delaware R. spawning grounds:</u> 1 June - 31 March OTHER RIVERS: 1 Mar. - 31 Dec. |
| PA | 28" min. | 2 | none | <u>Non-tidal:</u> all year <u>Tidal Del. River:</u> March, 1 June - 31 Dec. |
| DE | 28" min. | 2 | none | All year, except <u>Delaware R. spawning grounds:</u> 1 June - 31 March |

| STATE | SIZE LIMITS | DAILY CREEL LIMIT | SEASONAL QUOTA (LB) | OPEN SEASON |
|-------|---|---|---|---|
| MD | SPRING: 28" SUMMER/FALL: 18" OCEAN: 28" | SPRING 1 SUMMER/FALL: 2 OCEAN: 2 | SPRING: Portion of 30,000 fish cap SUMMER/FALL: 3,177,450 lb. (portion of 10,500,000 lb. baywide quota) OCEAN: none | SPRING: 24 Apr. - 14 Jun. SUMMER: 15 Jun. - 5 Jul. FALL: 15 Aug. - 30 Nov. OCEAN: All year |
| PRFC | SPRING: 28" SUMMER/FALL: 18" | SPRING/SUMMER 1 FALL: 2 | SPRING: Portion of 30,000 fish cap SUMMER/FALL: 723,150 lb. (portion of 10,500,000 lb. baywide quota) | SPRING: Limited days 26 April - 30 Jun SUMMER: Limited days Jun. - Dec. |
| DC | 18" min. 36" max. | 1 | none | 3 Jun. - 31 July 1 Sept. - 16 Nov. |
| VA | SPRING: 18"-28" TROPHY: 32" FALL: 18" min. OCEAN: 28" min. | SPRING: 2 TROPHY: 1 FALL: 2 OCEAN: 2 | TROPHY: Portion of 30,000 fish cap SPRING/FALL: 1,701,748 lb. (portion of 10,500,000 lb. baywide quota) | SPRING: 16 May - 15 Jun. TROPHY: 1-15 May FALL: 4 Oct. - 31 Dec. OCEAN: 16 May - 31 Dec. |
| NC | ROANOKE R.: 18" min. but no fish between 22 nd -27 th April-May SOUNDS/RIVERS 18" min. OCEAN: 28" min. | SOUNDS & RIVERS: 3 OCEAN: 2 | ROANOKE R.: 62,720 ALBEMARLE SD. 31,360 spring 31,360 fall OTHER AREAS: none OCEAN: none | ROANOKE RIVER Feb. till quota met ALBEMARLE SD. Wed, Sat, Sun. # quota met OTHER AREAS: All year OCEAN: Year round |