

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

TECHNICAL ADDENDUM I

to

Amendment 4 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Weakfish



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Purpose

To correct a typographical error in the text of Amendment 4 with regard to fishing mortality reduction.

Statement of the Problem

A typographical error has been carried over from Amendment 3 to Amendment 4. Within the text of Amendments 3 and 4, it was stated that states are required to achieve a 33% reduction in fishing mortality (F). However, in the Evaluation Guides, as attachments of Amendments 3 and 4, the equation is set up for states to calculate a 32% reduction in fishing mortality.

Solution

The intent of Amendment 3 and 4 was to require states to achieve a 32% reduction in fishing mortality as stated in the Evaluation Guides. Most states' reduction falls within the range of 32% and 33%. Many states have been using a 32% reduction in their calculations of fishing mortality.

Thirty-two percent reduction in fishing mortality shall replace 33% reduction in fishing mortality in the following sections of Amendment 4 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Weakfish:

Executive Summary; Commercial Management Measures (Section 4.2); page vi

Section 4.2 Commercial Fishery Management Measures; page 30