



# *Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan*

Draft Amendment 3

*DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY*

Marine Fisheries

MFC Meeting | Michael S. Loeffler and Anne L. Markwith | November 20, 2020



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# *Potential Amendment 3 Management Strategies and Measures*

- Quota
- Commercial trip limits
- Recreational bag limits
- Recreational vessel limits
- Recreational Commercial Gear License (RCGL)
- Increased access for recreational fishery
- Inlet corridors
- Adaptive management



# *Fishery Management Plan Workshop*

- More informal setting
- Advisers and staff collaborate
  - Advisers share expertise
  - Division considers input for draft FMP
- Concentrated period of time
- Virtual setting facilitated discussion



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## *Next Steps*

- Remainder of 2020 – Division update draft of Amendment 3
- February 2021 – MFC vote to send out for public and AC review
- May 2021 – MFC select preferred management strategies
- August 2021 – MFC vote on final adoption
- August 2021 – Division implement management strategies

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