



# *Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan*

Southern Flounder Amendment 2 Landings Update

*DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY*

Marine Fisheries

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# *Amendment 2 Landings Presentation Overview*

- Required and Estimated Reductions
- Landings and Achieved Reductions



# *Amendment 2*

## *Requirements*

- MFC directed the division to reduce total removals by 62% in 2019 and by 72% beginning in 2020
  - More conservative approach
  - Greater reduction than required by statute
- Requirements to end overfishing in 2 years
  - 31% reduction to meet the threshold
  - 51% reduction to meet the target
- Requirements to end overfished status in 10 years
  - 52% reduction to meet the threshold
  - 72% reduction to meet the target



# Amendment 2 Landings Summary

	Total Removals (pounds)		Removal Overage (pounds)	Percent Reduction from 2017 (Pounds of Escapement)
	Allowable	Actual		
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*2020	391,726	482,832	91,106	65.5 (916,480)
<b>Recreational</b>				
2019	207,382	461,588	254,206	15.4 (84,152)
*2020	152,808	456,636	303,828	16.3 (89,104)
<b>Overall</b>				
2019	739,011	1,265,705	526,694	34.9 (679,347)
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# Amendment 2 Combined Fishery Overages

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- Overages still occurring in both fisheries
- Reductions made only using commercial and recreational seasons
- Reductions meeting rebuilding requirements

