



# *Status of Ongoing Fishery Management Plans*

## Marine Fisheries Commission Update

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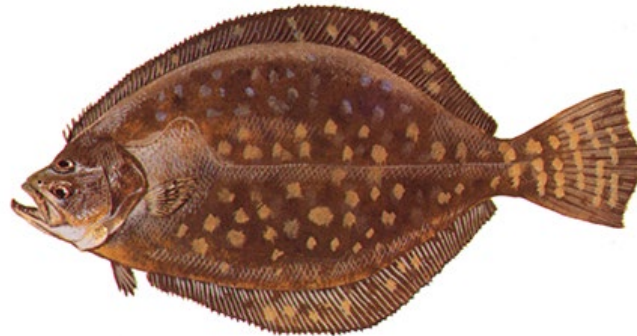
## Plans currently under review

- Southern Flounder
- Shrimp
- Estuarine Striped Bass
- Spotted Seatrout
- Striped Mullet
- Interjurisdictional Fisheries



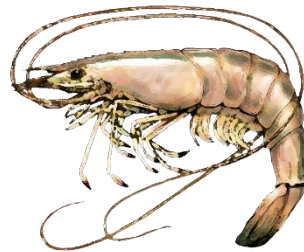
## *Southern Flounder FMP*

- Amendment 3 addresses comprehensive, long-term management
- Feb. 2021 motion passed to set the Amendment 3 allocation at 70% commercial and 30% recreational
- March 2021 motion to amend the previous motion to adjust the allocation to 70/30 in 2021 to 60% commercial and 40% recreational in 2023 and achieve 50/50 parity in allocation in 2024
- Timeline shift necessary



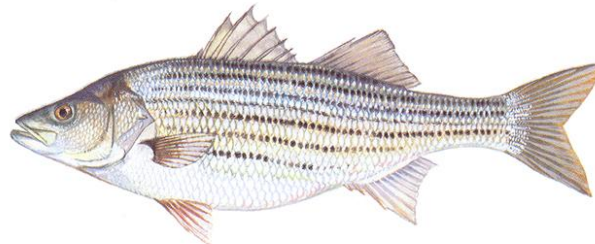
# *Shrimp FMP*

- Continue development of Amendment 2
- Goal of Plan is to manage the fishery to:
  - Provide adequate resource protection
  - Optimize long-term harvest
  - Minimize ecosystem impacts
- FMP Workshops held in March
- **Vote to send for public and MFC AC review**



# *Estuarine Striped Bass FMP*

- Goal and objectives approved Feb. 2021
- Amendment 2 in development
- Goal of plan is to achieve self-sustaining populations that provide sustainable harvest
  - If biological and/or environmental factors prevent a self-sustaining population, alternative management will be implemented for protection and access to the resource
- FMP Advisory Committee appointment process this summer



# *Spotted Seatrout FMP*

- Stock assessment continuing
  - Biological year data through February 2020
- 2014 stock assessment indicated not overfished and not experiencing overfishing
- Completion set for early 2022



# *Striped Mullet FMP*

- Stock assessment underway
  - Terminal year 2019
- 2018 stock assessment update
  - Indicated not experiencing overfishing
  - Overfished status unable to be determined
- Completion set for 2022



## *Interjurisdictional Fisheries FMP*

- Scheduled review underway
- Adopts management measures appropriate for North Carolina in existing finfish FMPs approved by the Federal Councils or the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
- Avoids duplication of effort
- Last updated in 2015
- A process to be incorporated in the plan will address a mechanism to “retire” a state plan covered by the IJ FMP





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# Questions?

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