



Status of Ongoing Fishery Management Plans

Marine Fisheries Commission Update

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Marine Fisheries

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Status of Ongoing Fishery Management Plans

Plans currently under review

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



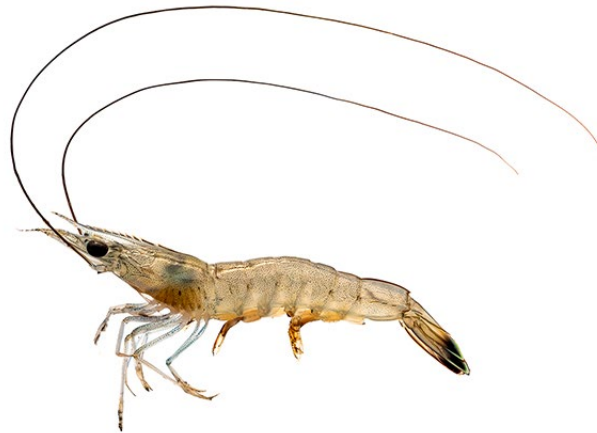
Southern Flounder FMP

- Amendment 3 addresses comprehensive, long-term management
- November 2021 MFC voted to send for public and MFC Advisory Committee review
- 30-day public comment period December 15 through January 14
- **Vote to select preferred management options**



Shrimp FMP

- Amendment 2 Goal is to manage the fishery to:
 - Provide adequate resource protection
 - Optimize long-term harvest
 - Minimize ecosystem impacts
- November 2021 preferred management selected
- Sent to DEQ Secretary and legislative bodies
- **Vote to approve Amendment 2 to the Shrimp FMP**



Estuarine Striped Bass FMP

- February 2021 Amendment 2 Goal and objectives approved
- Goal of plan is to achieve self-sustaining populations that provide sustainable harvest
- FMP AC Workshop completed
- Amendment 2 is fully drafted
- **Vote to approve draft Amendment 2 for review by the public and advisory committees**



N.C. FMP for Interjurisdictional Fisheries

- Adopts management measures in approved finfish Federal Councils or the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission FMPs
- Maintains compliance, avoids duplication of effort, fosters communication
- November 2021 MFC Approved the Goal and Objectives
- December 2021 FMP AC Workshop



Striped Mullet FMP

- 2018 stock assessment update
 - Indicated not experiencing overfishing
 - Overfished status unable to be determined
- Stock assessment underway
 - 2019 terminal year
- November 2021 Peer Review Workshop
- February 2022 Peer Review Workshop
- Completion in 2022



Spotted Seatrout FMP

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



FMP Process February 2022

• Division holds public scoping period

• Marine Fisheries Commission approve goal and objectives of FMP

• Division drafting FMP

• Division hold workshops to further develop draft FMP with plan advisory committee

Interjurisdictional

• Division updating draft plan

Striped Bass

• Marine Fisheries Commission vote to send draft FMP for public and advisory committee review

• Commission advisory committees meet to review draft FMP and receive public comment

Southern
Flounder

• Marine Fisheries Commission select preferred management options

• Department of Environmental Quality secretary and legislative review draft FMP

Shrimp

• Marine Fisheries Commission vote on final adoption of FMP

• Division and Marine Fisheries Commission implement management strategies

Questions?

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