



Status of Ongoing Fishery Management Plans

Marine Fisheries Commission Update

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Marine Fisheries

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Status of Ongoing Fisheries Management Plans

- FMPs under development
 - Striped Mullet
 - Spotted Seatrout
 - Eastern Oyster/Hard Clam
- Adaptive management
 - Estuarine Striped Bass
 - Southern Flounder
 - Blue Crab



FMPs Under Development



Striped Mullet FMP Amendment 1 Supplement A

- Stock assessment indicates overfished and overfishing
- Supplement developed to implement temporary management
 - Long-term interest of the stock
 - Addresses overfishing
 - In place until Amendment 2 is adopted
- November 2022 MFC selected preferred management
- Public comment period was held



Striped Mullet FMP Amendment 2

- Amendment 2 under development
- Scoping completed
- November 2022 Amendment 2 Goal and Objectives approved



Spotted Seatrout FMP Amendment 1

- Stock assessment indicates not overfished but overfishing is occurring
- Scoping March 13 – 24
 - In-person meetings
 - March 14 – Raleigh **hybrid meeting*
 - March 16 – Barco
 - March 21 – New Bern
 - March 23 – Wilmington
 - Online questionnaire
 - Written comment accepted



Eastern Oyster FMP Amendment 5

Hard Clam FMP Amendment 3

- Plans are under review
- Identifying data sources
- Identifying management needs



Adaptive Management



Estuarine Striped Bass FMP Amendment 2 Adaptive Management

- Stock assessment update Albemarle-Roanoke stock
- Data through 2022
- Adaptive management allows for management changes to address results of the stock assessment



Southern Flounder FMP Amendment 3 Adaptive Management

- Stock assessment update
- Data through 2022
- Adaptive management allows for management changes to address results of the stock assessment



Blue Crab FMP Amendment 3 Adaptive Management

- Amendment 3 established criteria for Diamondback Terrapin Management Areas
 - Require a DMF approved device in pot March 1 – October 31
 - Criteria allows for changes in approved device list
 - Division is reviewing research on a NC crabber designed device
- Amendment 3 adaptive management included a stock assessment update
 - Update will begin in 2023
 - Data through 2022



FMP Process November 2022

Spotted Seatrout

- Division holds public scoping period

- Marine Fisheries Commission approve goal and objectives of FMP

Striped Mullet

- Division drafts FMP

- Division holds FMP workshop to further develop draft FMP with advisory committee

- Division updates draft FMP

- Marine Fisheries Commission reviews draft FMP and votes to send for public and advisory committee review

- Public and advisory committee review period


- Marine Fisheries Commission selects preferred management options

- DEQ Secretary reports FMP progress to legislative bodies for review

- Marine Fisheries Commission votes to adopt the FMP

- Division and Marine Fisheries Commission implement management strategies

FMP Process: Adaptive Management



• Division and Marine Fisheries Commission implement management strategies

- Estuarine Striped Bass
 - Stock assessment update
- Southern Flounder
 - Stock assessment update
- Blue Crab
 - Diamondback Terrapin Approved Biological Reduction Devices
 - Stock assessment update

MFC Workplan

Topic	DMF Staff Lead(s)	Quarterly Business Meeting					
		Feb -23	May - 23	Aug - 23	Nov - 23	Feb - 24	May - 24
Active Management Plans							
Estuarine Striped Bass Stock Assessment Update	Lee/Schlick	(SA)					
Striped Mullet FMP Amendment 1 Supplement	Zapf/Dobbs	A					
Striped Mullet FMP Amendment 2	Zapf/Dobbs	(PD)		AC/Pub	PMO	A	
Spotted Seatrout FMP Amendment 1	Behringer/Pensing	(PD)	G/O	(PD)		AC/Pub	PMO
Hard Clam/Oyster	Dobbs/Facendola				G/O	(PD)	
Blue Crab FMP Amendment 2 Revision	Facendola/Corbett		Revision Update				
Blue Crab Stock Assessment Update	Lee/Schlick			(SA)	SAR		



Questions?

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