



# *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*

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



# *FMPs Under Development*



## *Striped Mullet FMP Amendment 2*

- Stock assessment indicates overfished and overfishing is occurring
- Supplement A to Amendment 1 in place until adopted
- November 2022 Amendment 2 Goal and Objectives approved
- July 2023 FMP Advisory Committee Workshop
- December 2023 – January 2024 public and MFC Advisory Committee review
- Select Amendment 2 preferred management



## *Spotted Seatrout FMP*

- Stock assessment indicates not overfished but overfishing is occurring
- March 2023 Scoping
- May 2023 Amendment 1 Goal and Objectives approved
- Amendment 1 development
- FMP Advisory Committee appointed
  - Workshop April 23-25



## *Eastern Oyster FMP Amendment 5*

### *Hard Clam FMP Amendment 3*

- September 2023 Scoping
- November 2023 Goal and Objectives approved
- Amendments in development

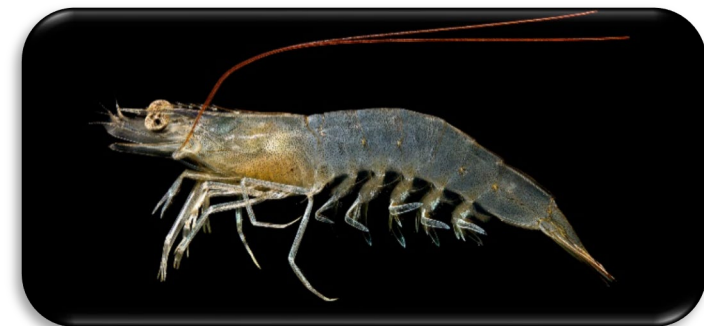


# *Adaptive Management*



## *Shrimp FMP Amendment 2 Adaptive Management*

- February 2022 Amendment 2 adopted
  - Request to investigate feasibility and utility of a long-term shrimp trawl observer program
  - Adaptive management to address Submerged Aquatic Vegetation
    - January 2024 Habitat and Water Quality Advisory Committee reviewed





# *Blue Crab FMP Amendment 3*

## *Adaptive Management*

- Stock assessment indicated stock is overfished and overfishing is occurring
  - Completed 2018
  - Data through 2016
- Stock assessment update
  - Data through 2022
- Adaptive management allows for management changes to address results of the stock assessment



## *Southern Flounder FMP Amendment 3 Adaptive Management*

- Regional stock assessment indicated stock is overfished and overfishing is occurring
  - Completed 2019
  - Data through 2017
- Stock assessment update
  - Data through 2022
- Adaptive management allows for management changes to address results of the stock assessment



# FMP Process February 2024

Eastern Oyster  
Hard Clam  
Spotted Seatrout

• Division holds public scoping period

• Marine Fisheries Commission approve goal and objectives of FMP

• 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

Striped Mullet

• 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

- Shrimp
  - Shrimp Observer Program Issue Paper
  - Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Issue Paper
- Blue Crab
  - Stock assessment update
- Southern Flounder
  - Stock assessment update

*Questions?*

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