

Public Comment on Southern Flounder FMP Amendment 2 (6/4/2019)

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5/24/2019	william	Levier	NC		1																						
5/24/2019	glenwood	montgomery	NC		1																						Until someone explains to me why southern flounder stocks in NC were recovering nicely five years after the first flounder management plan was enacted and then went to h** all of a sudden from 2010 forward I can not support the proposed plan due to lack of confidence in the data. With added restriction after 2010 plus numerous restrictions added due to sea turtle permit requirements someone needs to explain to me why the sharp drop in southern flounder population. Should have seen even better improvement after 2009 stock assessment showed lots of improvement albeit not enough to be declared recovered. The 40% increase in the target levels is also cause for concern since this act alone would guarantee that reaching the new target level would not be reached by the time the last stock assessment was carried out.
5/24/2019	sonya	Levier	NC		1																						
5/24/2019	Jeff	Smith	NC		1																						1. Until there is valid recreational catch data (MRIP doesn't cut it), statistics for Southern Flounder are flawed and should not be used. 2. Management plan lumps in Summer Flounder in the regulations under the assumption that Southern Flounder is the dominant species being harvested, or that the public is too ignorant to determine the difference between the 2 species. I might consider reductions in Southern Flounder, if there was a different plan for Summer Flounder.
5/24/2019	david	jarvis	NC		1																						
5/24/2019	Bernard	Kaasmann	NC		1																						Rather than recreational seasons I would support a year round 2 fish limit. Consideration should be taken for the recent 6 to 4 fish limits as well as minimum size increases. My concern is that with no possession seasons is the pressure it will put on other species, ie Black Drum and Sheepshead.
5/24/2019	Robert	Horne	NC		1																						Cuts are too drastic.
5/25/2019	Jeffrey	Benton	NC		1																						I hope this will not fall on deaf ears. Please listen. Just shut the whole fishery down for the next two years starting ASAP. I just think any Amendment should be fair for both sides. I am rec fishermen. First of all, rec fishermen are not the problem, just look at your own numbers. We catch 28.2 vs 71.8 on the commercial side. Why do recs always get penalized for commercial overfishing. Why not let recs have more time to fish since we are not doing the most damage to the fishery. These are public waters not just for a select few commercial fishermen. Why don't you also stop allowing commercial fishermen from other states from fishing our waters. I have two sons that I have already bought their lifetime fishing licenses. I pay taxes, every time I hook up to my boat it cost me a hundred dollars. Now I am going to be stuck with a boat and a I can't use that I bought specifically to target Flounder, Trout, and Drum. I know I am probably wasting my time but I want to do what's right 4 NC!
5/27/2019	Mitchell	Lassard	NC		1																						Do the same for all parties. If you close North Carolina waters to flounder fishing, close all the states around us. No imports of flounder. No farm raised fish if it is closed for commercial harvest. If there is a problem close all southern states for flounder fishing for two year. I believe you will find that this is the usual knee jerk relaxation to a problem that doesn't exist. We have been here too many times.

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5/28/2019	Charles	Cox	NC		1																At least allow one per day flounder instead of closing the entire season. A lot of us go to the coast specifically to catch flounder and allowing one per day will let us continue to enjoy that and that would help in reducing the recreational catch. We are considering canceling our trip if flounder season is completely closed.
5/28/2019	Jerry	Lukefahr	NC		1																I support the southern Flounder AC recommendation of a 31% reduction in 2019 and a 52% reduction in 2020 of flounder. The proposed NCDMF management measure of a 62% reduction in 2019, 72% reduction in 2020 and a season ending on Oct. 17 will make it unprofitable for me to be a full time deck hand. It will also not make it profitable for who I work for to keep setting pound nets which means I will lose my full time deck hand position. There are few job opportunities on Ocracoke and I love to commercial fish. The proposed cutbacks will force me out of a job and likely close the fish house too. Please support the AC recommendation.
5/28/2019	Arthur	Mines	NC		1	1						1								1	
5/28/2019	Jennifer	Lee-Baron	NC		1																
5/28/2019	Barron	Greenwalt	PA		1																My Ocracoke vacations began in 1985 and they continue, it is folks like me, obviously, that make up Ocracoke's tourism revenue and contribute to Hyde County's sales tax. With that being said, I believe that the tourism voices matter and should adjoin the public comment on a proposal, the Southern Flounder Amendment 2. It has been said that the proposed regulations will affect more than the flounder catch. Therefore please consider the input from the Southern Flounder Advisory Committee. Their recommendation for a measured 31% reduction in 2019 and a 52% reduction in 2020, rather than proposal in Amendment 2 to cut southern flounder harvest by 62% in 2019 and 72% in 2020. A mutually beneficial compromise that will rebuild the southern flounder stocks and end overfishing, but not destroy fishing families or the seafood infrastructure needed to get seafood to market and communities that depend on fishing revenues.
5/28/2019	Howard	Albright	VA		1																
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5/28/2019	Mary	Turners	NC		1																This is way too much... please find a better solution.
5/29/2019	Edmund	Allen	NC		1																If anyone is serious about protecting our fish stock then you would out law gill nets. They are destructive to all marine life. You sould out law any type of trawling within at least 5 miles of the beach. Look at how Florida's fish stocks have thrived since they made these changes. I will be glad to talk to you on what I have observed in the past year and years. You cant keep saying you want to let them spawn and protect fish stocks while allowing gill nets stop bending to those who only have only agenda themselves and no one else. I've been around them and they don't respect other sport fishermen or our environment. Eddie Allen
5/29/2019	Andrea	Fulcher	NC		1																This will be terrible for the commercial fishing community.
5/29/2019	Aundrea	O'Neal	NC		1																What reduction measures will other states be implementing this year along with NC? I feel that it is not fair for NC fishermen, (commercial and recreational) to have to be the only ones to try to rebuild this stock, while other states are allowed to harvest southern flounder. This needs to be a joint state collaboration for the health of the stock or it is a complete economic loss to our great state.



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5/29/2019	Casey	Tolson	NC		1																	
5/29/2019	Wallace	Greene	NC		1																	
5/29/2019	Kelly	Aiken	NC		1																	Where is the science behind overfishing of southern flounder? Still have yet to see or hear any factual science regarding the current stock assessment. In fact, I do believe I heard a scientist say he could not give an adequate assessment without more information. You can not cut an fishing industry by more that 50% in the immediate calendar without giving the families that rely on that Fishery to feed their families for the long winter to come an opportunity to prepare for a reduced income, seek other employment opportunities, or invest in alternate fisheries (which take both time and money to be able to prepare for and afford to take part in). Science is needed. Compromise is needed. It is ridiculous to think that coastal communities and commercial industry would want to dissipate a species they rely to heavily on.
5/31/2019	Kenneth	Broadwell	NC		1																	Amendment 2 will surely force most commercial fishermen out of business. I disagree with the seasonal approach and recommend using slot size instead. Suggest 13 to 19 inches. No creel limit on recreational. Need to clarify how this would or would not affect Summer Flounder. The current system intentionally does not distinguish because of the belief that recreational fishermen cannot distinguish between the two species. Fix that and allow summer flounder to be caught, giggered, netted, etc. recreational flounder data, numbers are too high. I never released a flounder hook and line that did not swim back down upon release. Discard number should be very low. I have little faith in the DMF scientists and the MFC that have for the past 20 plus years have used size and creel limits, gill net mesh size to manage the fish stock. Things have deteriorated to the point now that you want to use seasonal closures. What's next? End fishing like the herring?
5/30/2019	Clay	Knudsen	NC		1																	
5/30/2019	Cane	Faircloth	NC		1																	I own and operate a Fishing charter business out of Holden Beach, NC. Flounder is a key fish in our business and one of our customers favorites to eat and fish for. This management process being looked at is terrible. I urge this one to go back to the drawing board and come up with a more realistic approach. With current proposals economic interest in this fishery would be severely impacted for bogus reasons.
5/30/2019	Tara	Collins	NJ		1																	
5/30/2019	Tom	Salter	NC		1																	I'd like to see no flounder caught outside the inlets for 2yrs, commercial or recreational. Close pound nets for two years, reduce gill net harvest by a third for 2years. Apply a slot for recreational catch between 14-19" for 2years.
5/30/2019	Don	Gaskey	NC		1																	I don't understand why, when commercial fishing causes a problem, that recreational fishing has to be hit so dramatically. Recreational fishermen harvest much less, in a lifetime, than commercial fishing does in a single trip plus, they can just throw the dead undersized flounder away without any penalties.
5/30/2019	ZACHARY	WILLIS	NC		1																	I am a commercial fisherman and rely on flounder to feed my family. Limiting the number of flounder I can catch and times of year I can fish greatly affect my income and being able to take care of my family. There are plenty of flounder I do very well giggering.

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5/30/2019	Alison	Willis	NC		1																	I support the moratorium! As a pound netter, I will be unable to continue setting pound nets with the proposed closure dates. The preemptive, annual capital investments required to set pound nets is too great to warrant setting in the midst of hurricane season for such a short season! We typically do not set until after the proposed 2020 closure. The risks far outweigh the potential benefit! I support a total closure to allow for quick recovery. To be clear, I believe there are some issues with the flounder stocks, however I believe the current assessment has vastly overestimated the issues with the stock.
5/31/2019	Chris	McCaffity	NC		1																	Many fishermen feel as if our public comments fall on deaf ears resulting a complete lack of confidence in the process. Official information about Amendment 2 explains how the rush to close our Southern Flounder fishery supersedes any meaningful discussion about options for rebuilding this mismanaged stock. <a href="https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries/information-southern-flounder-amendment">https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries/information-southern-flounder-amendment</a> Public support for solutions that benefit everyone and the environment can open the ears of fishery managers. Stocking is one of those solutions we should seriously consider. We can make our Southern Flounder fishery better than ever if we choose to. The alternative is more closures and regulatory discards with a push to allow industrial fish-farming in our public waters. I am happy to discuss how wise use of hatcheries can promote freedom, food security, and sustainable fisheries for the benefit of all NC citizens. Does anyone have a better idea? Thank you, Chris McCaffity
5/31/2019	John	Partin	NC		1																	This proposal would devastate then NC fisherman. North Carolina is blessed with waters that are vast and have the natural resources to provide working fishing families a livelihood unique to other states. These families have a heritage that spans generations. In my thinking, the enactment of his proposal would only cause importation of low level seafood from out of country sources. It also would benefit these other sources by increasing the price of seafood. I ask that this be struck down and a more intelligent examination take place. Though a small part, I have for years had a recreational gear license. This has enabled me to place quality seafood in my freezer for my family. I ask also that this be stricken from the proposal. thank you. John Partin
6/2/2019	Steven	Giberson	NC		1																	I am a commercial fisherman and set flounder nets in section c every night that I can. In my behalf I wish I could be at this meeting but work will not allow me to attend. I believe the stock assessment is biased as to the classification of the fish in which 15 in is not available in abundance. Therefore in years past which would be in the 80s and early 90s there was an abundance caught ONLY because the size limit was at 8 in. In my argument as to what I throw back alive every night that I fish I believe that there is an extreme abundance of smaller fish but the larger class fish stay into the the ocean for a duration of time allotted to them. Thank you for listening to my opinion and hope you all very well. Regards Steven giberson

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5/31/2019	Mitchell	Lassard	NC		1																	Treat everyone the same. If you close it for commercial close it for all. Including imports and farm raised fish. Close down the states making rules against N.C. what is the best thing for the flounder. Just make sure their is a problem just not knee jerk reactions like in the past. You have made too many terrible mistakes against the commercial fisherman.
5/31/2019	Robert	McBride	NC		1																	being a commercial pound net fisherman for the last 40 years, i may be somewhat qualified to give a different point of view. the pier group report for 2014 compiled by your own scientists unequivocally concluded that the southern flounder stock was healthy and they had no idea how it was so!! i appreciate that kind of honesty because they were telling the truth. if the pier group scientists were as honest as the former group they would indeed come to the same conclusion. the information used to assess the stock are so limited and incomplete they can't possibly tell the story. 40 years of fishing and not one time has an observer ever ventured into the sound. i find that amazing you can sit in a cubicle and figure out the stocks with a slide rule and some statistics ! you only consider what is brought to the dock and dismiss all that is discarded which just so happens to be the stock you are trying to assess! what foolishness. clearly you care little for the fish or the fishermen
5/31/2019	Dylan	Bennink	NC		1																	Minimizing the length of the commercial flounder season to the dates proposed in Amendment 2 will drastically affect the economy of Ocracoke, NC, as well as all of coastal NC, in a negative manner. Minus time spent acquiring a BA in Geosciences and minors in Biology and Oceanography at UNCW, I have spent all 30 years of my life on Ocracoke. For the past 5 years, I have had the privilege and honor to feed the world with fish I have caught commercially in the waters surrounding my home. Tourists, who make up the majority of our island's business, travel to our area to partake in activities, culture and cuisines that are unavailable at their places of origin. Flounder, recreational and commercial, is an enormous component of the tourist's desire to visit coastal NC and nourish its delicate economy. I make my living full time on the water. If the pound net season is shortened to the dates proposed by amendment 2, my estimated total gross annual income will be reduced by at least 30%.
6/1/2019	perry	ellis	NC		1																	marine fisheries is only gessing because they are going on no proof of anything other than trying to get nets out of the water, the CCA is strong in money politics and our stupid DEM GOVENER
6/1/2019	Kimberly	LeMay	NC		1																	I am 47 years old and have been in the seafood business all my life. In these years I have seen so many changes in the rules and regulations set by the state of NC. Rules and regulations that absolutely make no sense whatsoever. What I have learned since I began working full time since graduating high school in 1990, is that all species go through a cycle. What may be a good year for shrimp, maybe a bad year for flounders, spots, etc. But each species will come back! That was proven last year with all the shrimp caught in Core Sound. This flounder amendment is crazy! What if we looked at each one of you that makes these rules and said the best part of your yearly income can only be made within so many days of the year and after that sorry you can't work anymore. I wish that each one of you could spend a day with one of these hardworking fishermen. See what it's like to get up before the crack of day and work till way past sunset. These are not lazy people, they want to work.

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6/2/2019	Tim	Marco	NC		1																	Please allow us access to local seafood. You are killing an industry. Listen to Mr. Bruno. PLEASE
6/2/2019	STEPHEN	GREGORY	NC		1																	i am interested in the possible state implementation of southern flounder fish hatcheries as already being used at unc in wilmington.info from 2017 i understand to show a release of 100,000 juvenile southern flounder into nc waters.if this is correct i would strongly recommend putting the full force of the division into study of the implementation of a hatchery and any diversion of funds necessary to achieve this task.it certainly would not be a quick fix but over the long term i think this would be a viable solution with any other options that are being brought forth. i would further request any info that is available on this subject be made public for support by our commercial fisherman and sport fisherman .we are all "in the same boat" so lets get our collective shoulders behind this and get it solved. thank you, steve
6/2/2019	Brad	Robbins	NC		1																1	I feel like the data supporting amendment 2 is not correct. There is the same amount of flounder being caught today as there was 10 or 15 years ago. I am in Brunswick County an see no down turn in flounder landings. Your tracking of hook an line catches is highly in accurate. Just like deer are tagged flounder should be tagged called to get accurate numbers for our recreation side of fishing. Also there is a large deference in how much fishing is done North of new river inlet compared to south of new river. The same changes should not apply state wide. Two different dynamics. These changes are not warranted. This type of drastic changes are not wright. Amendment 2 should not be implemented in this manner without more data an consideration of the financial an recreational impacts. Also I fish Pender County big reports coming in from there as well. Thanks Brad Robbins
6/2/2019	Reid	Newell	NC		1																	I do not use pound net gear. However, by enforcing gear to be pulled by October 17 just makes it not worth fishing for those who rely on its income. The substantial catches are after October. They essentially are just getting by until the fall and the only real profit comes in October-November. The coastal communities of North Carolina do not agree with this amendment. The local fishing economies would suffer if this is passed.
6/2/2019	brandon	watson	NC		1																	I fish out of New River, NC.The number one fishery I participate in is large mesh gill nets. This is my primary income too support my wife an children. Not only do I catch flounder, but also many other species for profit with my large mesh gill nets such as black drum, red drum, lady fish, sheepshead.All which support my income, if this closure happens it will be almost impossible for me too continue my profession. That is not the only reason I am opposed too this amendment, the main reason is the data is not accurate, really the lack of data is what bothers me . I really think we should wait until catch totals are seen for the end of the 2019 year, I think many of you will be surprised if we are allowed too fish, this year will be the best in over a decade. The problem is not the lack of fish the problem is our inlets are jammed up providing lack of tidal flow where the fish can hardly even get in, Record numbers already fish an crabs this year because florence opened our inlets
6/2/2019	William	Fulcher	NC		1																	A lack of scientific evidence thus fails to offer support for this proposal.

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6/3/2019	Michael	Padilla	NC		1																	This amendment is created and backed by sport fishermen. There is not any real scientific evidence to back these claims. Typical plot by CCA backed representative to take away commercial fisherman's livelihood.
6/3/2019	John Q	Public	NC		1																	I am a part-time commercial fisherman, full-time federal employee, and a resident in carteret county. I do not want to see this amendment passed as it is written. I think the seasonal closures are far to restrictive. I think the better approach would be a total allowable catch for each region of the state. The short flounder season will put pound netters completely out of business and will make it hard for part time gill net fisherman to justify paying the \$400 license fee each year. IF this amendment is passed as written, the commercial fishing annual license renewal fees need to be brought back down to \$200. There could be no justification from DMF why the observer program needs that much funding to observer large mesh gill nets for less than one month a year. License fees could be increased upon recovery of the flounder fishery.
6/3/2019	Marlene	Taylor	NC		1																	The common fishermen are not causing the problem of depleting the number of flounder. I live at the Point in Emerald Isle and watch the many shrimp boats sitting in the inlet to the sound. Their large nets catch everything in the water around them with no regard to species or size. This is where our flounder are going. There needs to be regulations on what the commercial fishermen can keep and how they handle their catch. The regulations on commercial fishermen that are in place must be enforced. Many species are dead by the time they are sorted. Too much lose!
6/3/2019	larry	hopkins	NC		1																	I know it's a waist of time but there is no mention of what these huge numbers of skates are doing to the reduction of fish, oysters, .They are like vacuum cleaners on the bottom. As for the rest I like the rest know that this is a done deal .Follow the money. One of the reason landings are down is you have a hard time catching fish when your nets are full of skates. Nobody has set in our area in the last month because of this problem. I also see nothing about bad water. I think for these special people to catch what they want they should build themselves impoundments stock it full used golf carts to get around .It would great on the environment . No boats on the water. Good Luck
6/3/2019	Morton	Gaskill	NC		1																	I feel that the issue of stock status of the southern flounder is one that can't entirely be explained due to fishing. The combination of the large mesh ITP and attrition in the pound net fishery over recent years has already reduced commercial fishing effort by significant margins. In the 1990s there were over 200 flounder pound nets in operation around Ocracoke island, whereas last year there were only 43. A confluence of natural factors has also impacted the pound net seasons in recent years, chief among them being hurricanes destroying gear and delaying fishing activities which have increased escapement. Additionally the recent pattern of high water temperatures persisting in the sounds has also reduced pound net harvests in the early season due to the fact that the flounder migration is controlled by water temperatures. In conclusion if any measures are adopted I would advocate for the 31% reduction as I feel it would help the stock without absolutely decimating the industry.





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6/3/2019	colton	robinson	NC		1																	its my opinion that the flounder stock has not decreased at the rate that is trying to be said however there are a lot more people targeting the fish. its my belief that gigs and nets should be mad commercial gear and there should be a limit of how many flounder should be taken a day/night of these gears. i believe that would help more than this assessment and keep the working man able to provide food for his family this is a agriculture state that thrives off of farming and the commercial fishing industry however i cant see this from anyone all i see is people against it in the early 90s there were thousands of commercial fisherman in north Carolina with the same stats that there is today with just a fifth of the fisherman there was then so explain to me how there is a decline in the flounder population im not against recreational fishing at all but i believe there is a lot of fish killed by gigs by en experienced fisherman that cant tell the size of the fish thanks again god bless
6/3/2019	Ronald	Davis	NC		1																	Based on previous issues, I do not trust the data. Another push to cripple and eradicate the commercial fisherman.
6/3/2019	Allen	Jernigan	NC		1																	I took my gigging charter down large mesh nets last night. We saw one legal flounder and scores or undersized flounder, red drum, black drum and sheepshead. This gear needs to be addressed and outlawed. Being involved with the flounder fishery for over 25 years both recreational and commercial, I will be the first to tell you that the size and numbers are not what they once were. That being said, the recreational community is not at fault for the flounder situation. It is the continued waste from gill net discards and the unregulated catch by pound nets. The elephant in the room needs to be addressed and gill nets as a whole need to be outlawed. A quota needs to be put on pounds. Traditionally large mesh fisherman and pound netters are part time fisherman and NCDMF data reflects that statement. These new regulations are going to crush the businesses that rely on recreational fishing in our state. Also, any type of net closures for flounder is going to put more net pressure on other species
6/3/2019	Garritt	Jernigan	NC		1																	I all for it fishing is going down hill
6/3/2019	Jacob	Ledford	NC		1																	The problem is full netting. Every state has banned it except NC. Until we address that problem you people are wasting time and contributing to the loss of a resource that won't be here for our kids. Texas, Florida, SC...all have substantially better fisheries and it's a direct result of banning gill nets.
6/3/2019	Kim	Fara	NC		1																	If you want to help the flounder population, shut down the gill nets and leave the recreational fishermen alone
6/3/2019	Brandon	Taylor	NC		1																	Of anything should be limited it should be commercial net use. As a citizen who grew up in NC, pays taxes in NC, and fishes with my family, it should be a right to fish responsibly as well as enjoy our costal waters. I think loose regulations on commercial netting has increased over fishing. Recreational fisherman have had change after change on restrictions on restrictions.
6/3/2019	Eugene	Garris	NC		1																	I've been a charter captain for 3years now and this is part of my income chartering clients that come to our coast looking fishing and gigging charters while they are on vacation and local folks that like to get fish to take home to eat. I dont see how yall can determine how it's over fish. I think if we fall in suit with what south Carolina is doing get all gill net or shrimping out of our inland waters we will definitely see a difference in all fishing. Thanks Gene Garris Gig-A-Bite Chaters

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6/3/2019	Tim	Thompson	NC		1																<p>We all know that commercial fisherman pays the most In fees to one entity. But the rec fisherman is the one who pays to many different entities over a period of time equaling much more in total proceeds to various entities. However the rec fisherman is the one getting the short end of the fishing to be caught and harvested all Because the commercial fishermans overkill of all species, which then requires more stricter regulations on all species of fish. The commercial fisherman are the ONLY ones hurting and killing the fish but yet you stiffen the regulations on rec fisherman and not commercial. It does not make sense at all. You are putting restrictions on the ones not doing any harm and allowing the commercial fisherman who are doing ALL the harm to carry on. Why? Because they pay more under the table? The fishery's will get better MUCH quicker if you limit the big killers which we ALL know are the netters. Common sense 101. Stop it with the political bulls*** and use common sense ty</p>
6/3/2019	Tommy	Dean	NC		1																<p>You know if you banned gill nets we wouldn't have this problem. I mean if you can't see that your a idiot. We need someone from Louisiana to run our fisheries because this is nothing more than you all lining your pockets. You don't give a f*** about our fisheries. It's all about money just be honest. If none of us bought a lisenca and did what we wanted for years how bad would that affect the state. But I'm sure it will never change. Do what you want will do what we want</p>
6/3/2019	Lane	Chris	NC		1																<p>I do not support anything that takes more away from rec anglers than it does from the comm fishery. It is time to limit by quota the pound net fishery. If you are going to close fishery to rev anglers then close it across the board. You manage our state fishery to keep regular everyday people on the loosing end and continue to keep gear in the water that other states everywhere about has banned. So if we are to have a viable flounder fishery, and they are so overfished and overfishing is occurring, close everyone out. Show some actual want to fix a fishery instead of managing it to benefit certain groups. Or jus keep it how it is. No way are you people trying to fix it.</p>
6/3/2019	Kenneth	Roe III	NC		1																<p>Ban the gill nets and gigging of flounder. Recreational fishermen have very little to do with the over fishing of flounder.</p>
6/3/2019	Bryan	Stanton	NC		1																<p>The vast majority of your recreational hook and line fishermen are struggling to catch flounder over the years keeper size that is , which is due to the netting in our waters, I am supremely confident in saying that the recreational anglers aren't even getting an opportunity to make a dent in the flounder population, you should have marine fisheries sitting at the ramps on the weekends and you will see. It is extremely irresponsible to put anymore limits on recreational fishermen at this time and apply Thant further amendments to the real issue, the netting of undersized flounder is what is killing our stock , that is where you will really solve the problem, if you care more about the fish than you do about the industry , that is where you will make any progress</p>

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6/3/2019	Timmy	Bryant	NC	1																	TO much money passing hands.How can anyone in their right mind claim rec.fisherman do so much harm when you have comm.fisherman literally harvesting anything and everything within range of their nets and for years have been allowed to continue while other states were smart enough to take action with them years ago.The way I see it North Carolina is the laughing stock of the east and gulf coast states and nothing I or other nc sportsman say will change anything.Just like Washington nothing will change until changes are made with leadership offials in NC.
6/3/2019	Tyler	Graybeal	NC	1																	We need to remove gill nets instead of shutting down the fishery to recreational anglers.
6/3/2019	Ben	Thigpen	NC	1																	Simply stop the netting inshore....you know its the answer. Why don't you address the elephant in the room. You've been dodging this for years...we are the only state that allows it on the East Coast.
6/3/2019	Matt	Markley	NC	1																	Gill nets need to be banned or their limits be stringently tightened. It is assured that the recreational rod and reel fisherman is in no way having such a severe impact on the flounder population that they are the cause of such a severe depletion. Commercial net fishing is not only a harm to the overall healthy stock of flounder, but also to many other species such as red drum, trout, black drum and sheepshead to name a few. Gill nets are non-selective fishing gear, and when soaked for 12-24 hours at a time, are detrimental to the bycatch and undersize fish that get caught in them. Recreational rod and reel fishing is 100% selective, and there is very rare chance for undersize kill, unless the rare chance of a deep hooked fish may occur. Furthermore, North Carolina offers poor inshore fishing in comparison to other states with gill net bans, and NC has lost the opportunity to have widespread inshore tournaments with people coming from all over the country due to the gill nets.
6/3/2019	Benjamin	Baldrige	NC	1																	I recreational gig maybe 2-3 times a month. My cousin and I usually go and get our limit which is 4 flounder each. What I don't understand is how recreational fishing even making an impact on southern flounder? Commercial that's a different story. Inshore netting is hurting our fisheries more than any other source. Why not close commercial flounder for 1 season and see what kind of difference it makes. Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.
6/3/2019	Eric	Fowler	NC	1																	As I went flounder gigging last night I can across 3 flounder nets out of all 3 not a single one had a legal flounder but instead multiple dead under size flounder and other fish such a** red drum and stingrays. Why keep flounder nets open when they can't even catch flounder like there suppose to
6/3/2019	Trey	Thigpen	NC	1																	Recreational anglers have taken the brunt of regulation changes for years. We went from no creel limit to 8, then to 6, then to 4 and now you want to close it. Gill net and pound net fisheries which harvest over 85% of the total catch of flounder. They have no limit. You amendment is senseless, useless and political. Stop the gill and pound nets which harvests 85%..

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6/3/2019	James	Powell	NC	1				1								1	1		1								<p>We all know it's the gillnetters Indiscriminate taking of fish that are decimating the population. The recall have always been the ones who give up the most, even though the fish belong to everyone, not just the commercials who make the money off of them. The rec industry makes more money for the state, yet we keep giving passes to the comms who have caused the problem in the first place. Make them take the brunt of this, give them a short season to fish. Lower the keepers to 3 flounder a day for Recs if you must but no short season. It's not fair to always make the recs suffer for the problems caused by the comms. A moratorium on gill nets and a pound net limit would bring back the flounder population in a few short years.</p>
6/3/2019	Toni	Jernigan	NC		1																						<p>Why do we not see the real issue? Why do we continue to target recreational fishermen when the real problem is the nets? The nets are non targeting of wildlife and kills indiscriminately all sorts of wild life including birds, dolphins, alligators, under size and over slot size fish. Address the nets and the issues will be solved. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to determine what is detrimental to our fisheries. Get the nets out of our inshore waters so our fish can spawn and grow....quit targeting the recreational fishermen who bring in millions in revenue for many businesses in our area.</p>
6/3/2019	Todd	Tanner	NC		1																						<p>Recreational anglers have taken the brunt of regulation changes for years. We went from no creel limit to 8, then to 6, then to 4 and now you want to close it. Gill net and pound net fisheries which harvest over 85% of the total catch of flounder. They have no limit. You amendment is senseless.</p>
6/3/2019	Cary	Powers	NC		1																						<p>North Carolina is the only south eastern state that still allows gill nets. The netters in the other states survived , why can't the ones in North Carolina do the same. The commercial matters blame the recreational fishermen for the decline of the fish population and the state politicians believe them. We the recreational fishermen don't have a chance, no one believes us or stands by us. Gill nets need to be permanently banned in North Carolina.</p>
6/3/2019	Johnnie	Smith	NC		1																						<p>We need to ban gill nets that is the main problem.</p>
6/3/2019	Scoti	Rodriguez	NC		1																						<p>The new amendment should not go into effect for recreational gigging and fishing of southern flounder until at the soonest Nov of 2019. Commercial fishing and netting should be stopped immediately until the numbers are acceptable. We Reside in NC and our voice should be put into consideration</p>
6/3/2019	Harold	Reynolds	NC		1																						<p>Stop gill nets...85% of catch from them. Quit pretending to address the issue by halting recreational fisherman.</p>
6/3/2019	Zack	Watters	NC		1																						<p>Instead of closing the season for the recreational flounder fishermen I am a firm believer in starting with the gill netters. That gear is outdated and causes a huge impact on our fishery. Coming from a family that ran gill nets religiously for years I have seen first hand the damage it can do. Not only to the flounder but red drum trout and other inshore/near-shore species.</p>
6/3/2019	Raymond	Rodriguez	NC		1																						<p>Commercial fishing and netting is putting a strain on southern flounder. Recreational fishing and gigging is minimal in comparison. I agree with the current regulations so let's not implement a new amendment until at least 2020. We are one of many families in NC that has a vacation planned this summer which includes a fishing trip. So regulate commercial fishing/netting and leave the recreational fisherman alone this summer</p>

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6/3/2019	James	Andrews	NC		1																I do not support this amendment. It is not fair to close the fishery yet allow gill nets to stay in the water.
6/3/2019	Bryan	Smith	NC		1																Leave recreation fishing alone and put an end to gill nets. That is where the problem is
6/3/2019	John	Hoard	NC		1																If closing the Flounder fisheries has been determined to be the only way to stabilize the population, then close it for everyone including commercial gill nets. Thanks
6/3/2019	Dishon	Allen	NC		1																If regulated it needs to be across the board,not just on the backs of rec anglers.
6/3/2019	Robby	Smith	NC		1																Gill nets are what is killing our resources. Look no further than the healthy surrounding states without them .
6/3/2019	Roger	Holt	NC		1																I am a 1st generation commercial fisherman I am 40 years old have lived in NC my whole life. I decided I wanted to commercial fish to make a living. I have only been fishing this being my 3rd year! I need to see true facts of a decrease in fish! NO FACTS!! I hope this does not pass are it will be another nail in the coffin to end gill net fishing! You see GILL NETS are how I make my money to support my 15 year old daughter and myself! Single father trying to do what God said do in the bible! John 21:6-7 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find.They cast therefore,and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said I unto Peter,it is the Lord. Amen!!
6/3/2019	Nick	Wells	NC		1																Take the gill nets out of the water !!! They are killing all of our fisheries!!!!!!!!!!
6/3/2019	Adam	Edwards	NC		1																Ban all nets they are killing everything nc must not care to much about are fishery. Also recreational fishing would bring in more money. They are going to make it where no one is going to want to go to the coast to fish. Do a buy out like they did with tobacco
6/3/2019	Michael	Thigpen	NC		1																Personally I dont support any of your ammendment. You consistently take away more fishing rights from recreational fishermen , but yet do nothing to the ones that are destroying the flounder population. Nets not only get legal size flounder but they kill the undersize as well . They dont only kill flounder but red drum , trout an anything else that gets caught in it . Do I think something needs to be done absolutely, but it needs to be across the board not just the Recs taking the hit.
6/3/2019	Jennifer	Rodriguez	NC		1																Commercial netting and fishing are the problem! Don't ruin the recreational fishermen's summer.
6/3/2019	Terry	Lee	NC		1																I'm tired of paying for license to fish and you keep cutting our quota.Yet you let those netting have no limits,it time it stops.So tired off seeing all those dead fish in nets that no one can keep. This has got to stop we should have no more knitting period. They have cut it out in the other States and we need to cut it out to. A lot of my colleagues and I say you are fixing to start a fire, not right and you know it. All we are asking is you be fair about it. Thank you for taking the time to finish reading this.

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6/3/2019	Joseph	Monette	NC		1																	The recreational Fisher is not the problem the problem most work and only get to go every now and then u have let net fishing go for so long and pound nets till u can't tell how much fish is take out of the water I have a place in pamlico co and have sean the under table sale of fish and it gose unchecked u already have us a 4 fish person and most recreational Fisher men only after fish to eat the working man is what spend money on the coast fishing license ,boats ,gear gas ,food when I want to go fishing I should be able to do so and to tell the public that the working man is the problem for the fish decline is a lie if u still going to let the use of nets and pound nets. But it will be alright to catch them in the ocean for the man with a lot of money and big boat been fishing the coast for 35years and the fish are always hear never had a problem with the rules and the limit or size thank it was a good rule.
6/3/2019	Rebekah	Rodriguez	NC		1																	The problem being faced is not caused by the recreational fisherman, but the commercial fishing of companies and overuse of nets is.
6/3/2019	Zachery	Hawkins	NC		1																	Commercial fishing and nets are the problem! Not the recreational fishermen!!!
6/3/2019	Andrew	MacNair	NC		1																	Why are you continuing to ignore the ELEPHANT in the room? You know what the science and facts are yet you continue to ignore them. What in the world makes it necessary to cut the rec. fisherman back to this point, when we are not the problem? What percentage of the tot. harvest is Pound Nets/trawls/gill nets? And what group of fisherman have the highest economic impact on the state yet do the least damage to the ecosystem? Why is it necessary to cut something that is so good/beneficial, to save something (comm. harvest) that has almost no real positive side? You are letting politics ruin the next good thing, in a long line of government debacles. Please tell me why you can't evaluate the problem without bias, look at the factors and contributors, and cut out the people doing the most damage? Please remember that states with no trawling/nets have none of these terrible issues. Do your job and correct the problem! Do not ignore the Rec's our your entire system will fall in on you!
6/3/2019	Andy	Regenthal	NC		1																	Recreational impact on flounder stock is largely a non-issue when compared to commercial and net harvesting methods. I think that any flounder taken with a rig and hook is a drop in the bucket compared to commercial fisherman, nets, and even gigging to some extent.
6/3/2019	Trenton	Hinshaw	NC		1						1										1	
6/3/2019	Dave	Stewart	NC		1																	we have a major problem with flounder and only way to correct is TOTAL CLOSURE - Thats what was done for rock and lets see it done for flounder - gets better look at how to manage effectively - I know the fight has been real but no finger pointing I have fished neuse, pamlico, core and atlantic for 40 years and seen the decline - it is real - lets do what we need to do to allow our kids to see some of what we have seen and hopefully more. Again - Please vote a Total Closure
6/3/2019	Lynn	Hinnant	NC		1																	Stop giving our public resource to private commercial money. Get the nets out.
6/3/2019	Steven	Brewster	NC		1																	Close the season for all until there is a surplus stock of fish. Less fish will take longer to recover so the longer we wait the worse it will be.
6/3/2019	Tony	Malay	NC		1																	Recreational fisherman are not the problem,it's commercial fisherman.

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6/3/2019	Christopher	Kennedy	NC		1																Gill nets need to be banned. Recreational fishermen have taken the blunt of change not only with flounder but most inshore species. If you truly care about a rebound of our fishery, look past the money and fix the problem. Commercial fishing can be done with hook and line just every other state except for North Carolina.
6/3/2019	Josh	King	NC		1																Please remove the use of gill nets and put a limit on the commercial harvest. They take 85% or more of the total harvest of southern flounder and kill much of their bycatch. With the complete removal of gill nets and a pound limit for commercial harvest the flounder numbers will rapidly increase.
6/3/2019	Phil	Roberts	NC		1																Ban ALL inshore nets and adopt a hook-and-line commercial fishery.
6/3/2019	Daniel	Riggan	NC		1																Stop the over harvest of flounder through the gill netting and trollers inshore and close to shore and you will get a better outcome than closing a species to recreational fishermen.
6/3/2019	Morgan	Whitfield	NC		1																As an avid angler I see no true reason why having a closure for the recreational hook and line and gig fisheries is going to benefit the flounder population. The amount of juvenile fish killed in nets far exceeds either the gig or hook and line fisheries. The amount of bycatch is also astonishing. If marine fisheries wants to save our fish population pull the nets out of the water and look at restocking programs like they use in texas and Louisiana they have come back from major devastation from pollution. bring North Carolina back to the great fishery it used to be.
6/3/2019	Don	Beaver	NC		1																The fishermen rod and reel have a small effect on the fish population when you compare it to the indiscriminate by catch of the gill nets. If you want to do something that will help get the nets out of our sounds.
6/3/2019	Tony	Carter	NC		1																Good Afternoon, First off i do believe some changes need to be made to bring back the southern flounder fishery. However i feel the manner in which it is being proposed is preposterous. How is it that commercial and recreational fisherman can not be put into the same category of being limited instead of still allowing commercial fisherman to take a majority of the allowed stock. Allowing commercial fisherman to continue to fish into the fall when most stock is taken yet cutting the recreational fisherman who have full right to that same stock. If a season is going to be implemented then make it across the board with the same size limits, creel limits and manner is which southern flounder can be taken. How is it smart to cut recreational fisherman the most when they bring the majority of revenue to local businesses. The departments need to stop playing favorites and use successfully managed states as an example.



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6/3/2019	John	Tedder	NC		1																	I am a recreational fisherman and guide here in North Carolina. I do agree that something needs to be addressed on this issue, however it seems recreational fishing always takes the hit. I understand that rec guys out weigh the commercial sector, but lets be honest how many of those rec guys actually catch a limit or even one for that matter. closing our season and making the rec guys buy flounder off commercial guys isn't the answer. The other states have banned nets from inland water and have seen great results, why aren't we considering getting rid of nets in the inland water ways period. Most of the commercial guys do it part time, that being said, why not make a change in the right direction. I have witnessed on many of nights the nets were placed illegally and had many of different species in the nets and not the ones they are supposed to be targeting, therefore a lot of discarded fish left behind. We cant have a blind eye on this matter, our next generation is counts on us.
6/3/2019	Tyler	Sanders	NC		1																	It is vital for the everyday recreational fishing individual to be able to catch nice and legal fish. This is a disservice to us and makes the state of NC a joke when it comes to protecting its outdoorsmen.
6/3/2019	Chuck	Stanley	NC		1																	The only way to address the flounder issue at hand is to eliminate the biggest reason we are here, nets and dirty fishing. The resulting bycatch of reds, black drum, croaker and undersized dead flounder is a disgrace in this state. I bought for each of my grandchildren their lifetime fishing and hunting licenses but if nets are not deemed illegal and taken out of our waters there will be nothing for them to fish for. Take the nets out, stop hurting the recs, be good stewards of ALL fisheries.
6/3/2019	Jason	Gainer	NC		1																	Please end the commercial gill nets prior to recreational fishing
6/3/2019	Gary	Cowan	NC		1																	
6/3/2019	timothy	Taramelli	NC		1																	Get the gill nets out of the waters and things will rebound,i have personally seen way too many bad netters who will kill everything in the water or who get in there way. shady netters make bad life for fish and almost every net i have ever seen in the water has had dead fish in them that have been there for hours in hot water,netters kill way more fish than any other sector even if NOT reported. i am for a closure on all harvest of flounder UNTIL they are considered viable hook and line as well as gigs. i think north carolina is WAY behind the times with doing what is right for OUR fishery and needs to just BAN gill netting all together in our inshore waters we have that is where fish GROW up.
6/3/2019	BRETT	HINSON	NC		1						1	1								1		Remove the cause . Gill nets kill everything. I support a net ban in NC.....
6/3/2019	Benny	Godwin	NC		1																	It's sad that us recreational anglers who catch a hand full of fish have to sit back and wait for the commercial gill netters to rape the waters that we have paid taxes to fish and we get the blame shame on all of you political junkies. If you open your eyes and close your wallets you can easily see the commercial harvest is what's killing the population y'all know and don't care cause of all the hand outs. Hopefully one day y'all get caught. Ban gill netting
6/3/2019	Wyatt	Clark	NC		1																	This is absolutely ridiculous Please think twice about screwing our fisheries any more than they are. Netting is ruining the estuaries that we have. I fish pro from east coast to Texas and see first hand the difference our coast line has. Please do something more efficient than this absurd plan above. Respectfully, Captain Wyatt A. Clark

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6/3/2019	Kyle	Hatcher	NC		1																	I know this may be a shocker but nets are the problem. It's like hunting with hand grenades. No nets in inland water. Look at Florida and Louisiana. Possibility for the state is endless. No gill nets!
6/3/2019	Richard	Edge	NC		1																	It is time for the recreational fishermen to stop getting the short end of the stick. Regulations have only gotten worse for the recreational fishermen over the last 10 years, if things need to be done to help the population it seems to me the place to start would be gill netters and commercial fishermen who don't have any limits on them.
6/3/2019	Nick	Brinkley	NC		1																	Why do you close recs with such little change to the part time gill netters using unselective gill nets killing every undersized flounder that runs into it. Sounds like some lobbyist is paying the right politician again.
6/3/2019	Chris	Moss	NC		1																	Been doing this since 1985 it's something we do as a family several times a summer the only reason I have built my boat the way I have and the only reason we have a home at the coast please do not cut back on us rec guys
6/3/2019	John	Beasley	NC		1																	It is a crying shame when a small user group taking 85% of the catch is time and time again allowed to continue and the majority user group who pump the majority of the money into the economy are punished time and time again. This part time commercial fishery, must be regulated. It doesn't take a biologist to look south and see what removing gill nets and trawlers from estuaries will do for all fish stocks. It's in your amendment. Limits of 10 and 15, size limits of 12. It's time to make the change. Gill nets are not target specific. They kill everything that swims into them. Trawlers scoop up everything and destroy bottom. Its fact. Anyone can see it. More and more rec guys are going south to fish, myself included. It's time for change. The few commercial guys left will have to adapt just like the textile workers of the 80's and the tobacco farmer of today. Look to the south for guidance. Do what is right for a change. Remove gill nets from NC inshore or we will never have a fishery
6/3/2019	Chase	Overcash	NC		1																	Ban the commercial guys from using the dirty gill nets and pound nets!
6/3/2019	Nick	Robertson	NC		1																	Commercial fishermen with pound nets and gill nets are th main problem. I have seen it first hand nets full of undersized flounder! Recreational fisherman and even commercial gigging is not the problem, every fish they harvest are legal size!
6/3/2019	Danny	Tyndall	NC		1																	I do not support the changes of amendment 2. I'm all for reform and helping restore fish populations. The biggest problem I have is with inland netting. Many days and nights I have been on the water and come across dead fish or nets full of undersized fish. I believe the biggest problem that needs to be addressed is the netting not recreational fishing.
6/3/2019	Thomas	Stewart	NC		1																	Do away with inshore trolling and gill nets! Let commercial guys gig and set pound nets with a limit. Recreational fisherman always get cut the worst it's time for that to stop and look at the commercial guys!!!
6/3/2019	Tom	Lehman	NC		1																	I do not support this Ammendment. I believe the data and analysis are incorrect. The nets are the cause of the problem, not the recreational fishermen. Additionally, the flounder nets are severely hurting stocks of other fish including redfish. This is a known fact.

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6/3/2019	John	Koz	NC		1																Commercial fishing takes more than 80% of the flounder. What sense does it make to stop or restrict recreational fishing when it barely makes a dent in the harvest? I live in Charlotte, but rent a boat slip at Carolina Beach year round. My family rents a house 3-4 times a year and we come here to fish. We spend tens of thousands of dollars a year at the coast, because of the recreation. Please make decisions for us to keep coming back, and not the other way around.
6/3/2019	Hughie	Maynor	NC		1																The basic recreational fisherman isnt hurting the population. And yall know that, the limits need to be put on the commerical side. We have been hurt enough from your limits.
6/3/2019	Clyde	Dougherty	NC		1																
6/3/2019	Brian	Shaw	NC		1																How about address the real problem and ban gill nets?
6/3/2019	Freddie	Bunnell III	NC		1																The general public is not overfishing. If you want to truly reduce the number taken, cut back on the commercial. We all have a right to fish, but those taking as many as they can and selling for a profit do more harm than the general public.
6/3/2019	Matt	Sechler	NC		1																Recreational anglers should not bear the brunt of this rule. Ban gill nets in NC , it is a way of the past.
6/3/2019	Brandon	Parker	NC		1																Please for the sake of the North Carolina inshore gamefish.. trout, redfish, and flounder. BAN gill-nets. It's ridiculous how many dead fish, under slot fish, and lack of fish is caused by gill nets. It's out of hand and has ruined inshore fishing in N.C. I'm 95% catch and release. May keep a few here and there for the table. But seeing the gill nets loaded down with entire schools of redfish, trout, and by-catch makes me sick. I've also seen gators get wrapped up along with turtles. They are not enforced like they should and should be banned.
6/3/2019	Wade	graham	NC		1																i think it is absolutely ridiculous to draft a management plan without removing all nets from internal coastal waters period. Its a shame to penalize rec fisherman who rather catch their fish than have to buy them. I shall not drive one single time to our coast to fish if flounder fishing and gigging is banned at all. Furthermore let it be known that our commission and board of directors and govern body has failed the citizens of North Carolina if this amendment becomes law. I personally don't believe the statistics the flounder over fishing is based on. Also if it was so over fished why has every state below us has lighter regulation on southern flounder then us. The thought process and the people behind this amendment is exactly why Donald Trump is your President.
6/3/2019	Mark	Harper	NC		1																Please stop taking away everything from the common man and family Do your homework so you know the truth about our states waters. Go out and see all the sea life wasted everyday with nets Simply put nets don't completely pick or release prey,once in the net it's over. Please realize anglers can select prey and release what's not allowed to let fish live for another day. Open Your Eyes America before we have nothing left.

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5/23/2019	Bruce	Lee	NC	1							1				1			1			The reduction in take during the moratorium needs to include ALL methods of taking flounder equally. This includes the removal of ALL types of nets from the effected areas. None allowed. Giggling, all nets, and all hook and line stop during the moratorium. Giggling in general should be outlawed as it is analogous to shining deer. It is ridiculous giggling is even allowed. The NCDMF has mismanaged our fisheries for way too many years and it is time to take a hard stance and start fixing the problems it has caused. Flounder is just one of, but a good example, of those problems the NCDMF has inflicted on our public resource. Do not squander this opportunity to start protecting our public resource!
5/23/2019	Chris	Powell	NC	1							1				1						Eliminate the recreations commercial gear license and eliminate flounder giggling.
6/2/2019	Jan	Willis	NC	1				1							1	1	1				
5/24/2019	Rick	Sasser	NC	1					1						1	1	1				While I understand that current management constraints do not allow real-time quotas under Amendment 2, it is imperative that Amendment 2 contain an annual payback quota similar to what is used in the red drum FMP. The Division will know the prior year's harvest by May, which is plenty of time to reduce a sector's upcoming season as a means of payback. I strongly support additional measures to constrain effort such as gillnet yardage restrictions, expanding non-fishing days and less hours. The Director should be given proclamation authority to address unintended consequences of changes in effort. Thank you.
5/24/2019	Lyndia	Sasser	NC	1				1							1	1	1				I am concerned about the unintended consequences of commercial netting efforts changing that will negatively affect the projected seasonal harvest reductions by area. The Commission should consider an annual quota with payback. The Division will have prior year harvest data by April or May. There will be plenty of time to adjust an area's upcoming season to achieve a reduction for a previous year's overage. If adjusting by area is not feasible then an across the board reduction as payback is fair due to the fact that net reel boats are mobile and effort will move from a closed area to an open area. Thank you.
5/24/2019	Jonathan	Edwards	NC	1			1					1			1	1	1				I am concerned with the unintended consequence of additional gill netting effort when you break out different areas with different open and close dates. For example, once you close the northern area, effort will increase in the central and southern. Then once the northern and central are closed, the southern area will be hit even harder with nets. I personally believe the largest harvesters (gill and pound nets) should take the largest cuts. The retail value of this recreational fishery is huge. With short recreational seasons, many local businesses from tackle shops, hotels, restaurants, mom and pops, etc. will feel a drastic drop in revenue. There are millions of recreational anglers that travel to the coast for one thing, FLOUNDER! These anglers spend as little as \$20 on a trip all the way up to multiple hundreds of dollars a trip between fuel, vessel, lodging, meals, tackle, etc. When can we join the rest of the east coast and ban inshore gill netting and shrimp trawling?
5/24/2019	Marc	Boettger	NC	1			1						1				1				I think inshore trawling and inshore gill netting should be banned.
5/30/2019	sheldon	Montgomery	NC	1		1						1						1			
5/24/2019	michael	ray	NC	1										1		1	1				

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5/24/2019	Carlton	Pittman	NC	1				1						1							1	1	1				Please ban inshore commercial netting in coastal nursery areas. Too many juvenile species are killed during commercial harvests that never have a chance to reproduce. Please implement a flounder slot limit to protect breeding stocks. Please implement a seasonal closure during spawning times. Please end by-catch fisheries where non-target species are allowed to be harvested and sold commercially.
5/24/2019	John	Matthews	NC	1				1						1							1	1	1				There needs to be a system in place to reduce commercial netting based on prior year's data. If not then across the board reduction that would account for a netting boat moving from a closed area to an open area. We remain the only eastern state that allows netting inshore and in nursery areas. I fish in topsail beach and haven't caught a legal flounder inshore the previous 2 years. Anybody from out of state planning a recreational flounder fishing trip would obviously go to another state instead of nc- billions of dollars annually going to other states that properly manage their fisheries resource.
5/24/2019	Christopher	Williams	NC	1			1							1							1	1	1				Nc needs to conform to the other states and ban netting! Stop coddling this industry.
5/24/2019	David	Rouse	NC	1				1						1							1	1	1				A partial season during the most likely time to catch these fish in my opinion will simply result in more fish being caught during that time than normal. Granted the short season may (and I emphasize may) reduce overall harvest but I do believe for one second that it will be anywhere near as much as predicted. Boats are going to be out in full force catching as many as possible before time runs out. Closed off areas only push the boats that fish these areas elsewhere. Leave the seasons alone, you would eliminate the mad dash of folks out at once and putting so much stress on the fish in a short time by doing so. Setting a quota would be the only guaranteed way of reducing the number of fish harvested. Fill your quota and you are done. Take an average of several years harvest and subtract 62% and set the quota for that and be done with the take as many as you want rule. And get the dang nets out of our joint waters.
5/24/2019	Hain	Ficken	NC	1				1						1													I am 68 years old and have seen the decline of all our fish. I WAS HOPING TO SEE IT IMPROVE IN MY LIFETIME TO WHERE IT WAS 40 YEARS AGO.. Please support this amendment!!! Hain Ficken
5/24/2019	john	bowden	NC	1									1								1	1	1				I have lived and fished consistently in the Cape Fear/Carolina beach area since 2000. I have documented my trips over this period and have absolutely seen the flounder population decimated, whether it be citation fish, keeper size, small fish, total numbers of fish, etc. This is not in question. Whatever it takes we need to sacrifice. Any regulations that allow for the majority of a population of any species, much less flounder to be harvested before they are ever allowed to spawn even 1 time makes no common sense. Allowing trawling in nursery habitat makes no common sense. Please do the right thing so I can take my grandchildren fishing in 10 years.
5/28/2019	Mark	House	NC	1									1													1	
5/24/2019	Benjamin	James	NC	1					1					1													Need to eliminate gill nets,pound nets and inshore trawling Look at the bycatch that destroys many fish species just for the shrimp. Makes no sense. I also think flounder gigging should be looked at. Don't get to shoot deer with spot light why flounder? Stop out of state boats from coming into NC and destroying our resources

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5/24/2019	Stuart	Creighton	NC	1				1							1	1	1				Moving forward, it is critical that the DMF not return to the same management measures as before. If we are going to invest ten years in rebuilding our flounder stock, then we must change the gears that are allowed in the water. Development of Amendment 3 must include a ban on gill nets. There must be strict quotas on both pound nets and gigging that include paybacks for overages. Trawlers in the Pamlico Sound also have juvenile flounder as bycatch to a significant enough degree where they should be removed from this unique nursery area. Recreational anglers should be allowed to keep two fish in a slot length of 14-20" and the use of circle or Kahle hooks should be required of all Anglers using live or cut bait. This division MUST change its current management philosophy. Our marine resources are depleted to the point that they can no longer support the status quo. Maximum harvest must be replaced with policies conducive to rebuilding stocks.
5/24/2019	Chuck	Teseneer	NC	1				1						1	1	1					
5/24/2019	karen	Montgomery	NC	1		1								1						1	
5/24/2019	Stuart	Davis	NC	1				1						1							
5/24/2019	PHILLIP	WOOD	NC	1				1						1	1	1					Please stop kicking the can down the road or allowing yourselves to be intimidated by a dozen legislators. I am 66 yo and don't have time for this resource to be saved 10 years from now.
5/24/2019	Tim	Hergenrader	NC	1				1						1	1	1					
5/24/2019	matthew	maddox	NC	1			1							1	1	1					I only support a recreational reduction/closure if nets are removed from inshore waters the entire year. Please fix the root of the problem(nets). Commercial fisherman have no more of a "right" to work than I do. Their job shouldnt be protected while nearly every other NC citizens' isn't!
5/24/2019	Joseph	Wright	NC	1				1						1	1	1					
5/24/2019	David	Rose	NC	1				1						1		1					
5/24/2019	Kevin	Dewar	NC	1				1						1	1	1					I am concerned with the unintended consequence of additional gill netting effort when you break out different areas with different open and close dates. For example, once you close the northern area, effort will increase in the central and southern. Then once the northern and central are closed, the southern area will be hit even harder with nets. I personally believe the largest harvesters (gill and pound nets) should take the largest cuts. The retail value of this recreational fishery is huge. With short recreational seasons, many local businesses from tackle shops, hotels, restaurants, local guides, mom and pops, etc will feel a drastic drop in revenue. There are millions of recreational anglers that travel to the coast for one thing, FLOUNDER! These anglers spend as little as \$20 on a trip all the way up to multiple hundreds of dollars a trip between fuel, vessel, lodging, meals, tackle, etc. Let's get like the rest of the east coast!
5/25/2019	Thomas	West	NC	1				1						1	1	1					I am 59 years old. Use to catch all kinds of fish in the surf and sounds and coastal rivers. Not any more. Nets and shrimp trawlers destroying our sounds and spawning areas in Pamlico Sound. Not nowhere even close to what it use to be. We really need to get these huge steel hull trawlers out of our sounds, and also the trawlers that come from other states because they are NOT allowed to trawl in their internal waters. Its not about the almighty DOLLAR anymore. SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR FISHERIES!!!! Thank you
5/25/2019	Lewis	Williams	NC	1				1						1							

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5/25/2019	Bobby	Norris	NC	1					1				1			1	1	1			I am concerned that the over harvest of flounder which has been going on for years will never end until the last flounder is harvested. North Carolina could have the greatest fisheries in the nation if it was managed properly and this would be a start.
5/26/2019	Joseph	Price	NC	1				1					1			1	1	1			The recreational sector has already been restricted at a far more aggressive pace than the commercial sector. The amendment needs to catch up this unbalanced affair and extract the needed reductions primarily from the commercial sector first.
5/25/2019	THOMAS	COLTRAIN	NC	1				1					1			1	1	1			Time for a change in good old NC. Been a long time coming and it is going to be hard on everyone because a few raped NC water for profit. Look at all the other states and see why NC is different. No Gill Nets and Inshore trawling for shrimp. WHY? MONEY -MONEY ! How can we allow boats and fishermen with gill nets to come to NC and do what they can not do in their home states? MONEY STOP IT NOW !
5/25/2019	Charles	Godwin	NC	1				1					1			1	1	1			I fully support the NCMFC Amendment 2. In order to achieve the recommended reductions to end over fishing and replenish flounder stocks, it seems it will take a combination of restraints, such as reductions of gear (such as gill nets), trip limits, and fishing times. I am assuming that fishing times will be a shorter season on the recreational and commercial take of southern flounder. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.
5/25/2019	William	Divers III	NC	1																	
6/2/2019	Jerry	Dilsaver	NC	1					1				1			1	1	1			
5/26/2019	Christopher	Naff	NC	1																	
5/26/2019	John	William	NC	1						1			1					1			One state supplying 99% of summer flounder to the rest of the country is ridiculous. Even more ridiculous is the use of gill nets. No other state caters to the commercial industry like NC, Since NC cannot lead it is time to follow SC or LA
5/26/2019	Matt	Bowen	NC	1				1					1			1	1	1			We can not continue the circle of "out of sight out of mind". NC has become a laughing stock when it pertains to Management of our Natural Resources. We allow trawling, and netting, both with generate bycatch. We should not settle for "less" bycatch, we need to get to a point where NO bycatch amount is acceptable. We should not be in the business of reducing any "non target" species to gain profit from a "targeted" species. We also need to protect those targeted species to preserve the future stock, the normal operation is to make as much money today as possible, don't worry about tomorrow.
5/26/2019	David	Drach	NC	1				1					1			1	1	1			The changes are great. Just hate to see a season for rec guys. I would be fine dropping to 2 fish all year than having 4 fish during a season. Some of our best flounder fishing happens during July 4th week and if this season takes place there will not be a need to even go to the coast and fish. Atleast with 2 fish you give people the opportunity to catch some fish during a week that is a major boost in the economy of every coastal town in the state. Please give the working people a chance to catch some flounder all year while we are on vacations and long weekends at the beach and fishing towns on the sounds and rivers.
5/27/2019	Robert	Dail	NC	1				1					1			1	1	1			
5/27/2019	Dale	Madren	NC	1						1			1			1	1	1			The Commission should consider any measures to account for any unintended consequences that allow commercial fisherman to exceed the expected harvest. Maybe there should be quotas with payback. We should be prepared for the commercial sector to attempt to thwart this critical conservation effort.

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5/27/2019	David	Hilton	NC	1		1							1								1						I am a pound net fishermen from Ocracoke and I support the AC Advisory Board recommendations. The 31% phase in will end over fishing in two years and the 52% in 2020 will support a robust stock rebuilding plan that allows for the survival of the pound net fishery. Reducing yardage in the large mesh in all regions will reduce by catch mortality but do not support trip limits for pound nets since very difficult to estimate weight when fish are loaded in bins on the vessels. Weather windows also allow for short harvest windows so nets need to be cleared. On my vessel, there is no ability to accurately weigh fish as they come aboard. Even with the 31% phase in, there will be significant fishermen attrition in the pound net fishery and large mesh since fishery will become much less profitable. I believe reductions in harvest will be greater than expected due to regulations. The NCDMF recommendation for 62 and 72% reduction will put the entire pound net fishery out of business!!!!!!!!!!!!
5/27/2019	Amy	Hilton	NC	1		1							1														I am the wife of David Hilton (pound net fisherman on Ocracoke. Our household depends on commercial fishing to pay the bills. He has invested 20 years of his life building his gear and running a seafood business. He supports changes to the fishery that help it rebuild expeditiously but the current recommendations of 62 % in 2019 and 72% in 2020 will put him out of business. We will have to sell our house and who knows what else. What's the point of this if you drive the entire pound net fishery out of business!! It will force displaced pound net fishermen to move into other stressed fisheries like crabs, large mesh and mackerel. We are both self employed. Fishing income is critical to our economic survival. If you adopt the 62 and 72% reductions you will also put the only fish house out of business and likely the retail. Massive job loss on the island and significant economic pain to many families. Ocracoke Seafood Company payroll is very important to the island!!!!!!!!!!!!
5/27/2019	terrance	best	NC	1				1							1	1	1										
5/27/2019	Everett	Pesci	NC	1								1									1	1	1				I find it ridiculous that the southern flounder population has been allowed to get so low. We need a FULL commercial harvest moratorium and a year round recreational limit of 2 fish by rod and reel with a moratorium on all gigging. That will get the destructive gear totally out of the water and stop the harvest of the largest females by giggers, while allowing recreational fishermen who accidentally catch a legal sized flounder to keep it rather than throwing it back dead. Stop punishing recreational fishermen for a problem that was entirely created by commercial overharvest of legal fish via gill nets and pound nets, and destruction of small fish by shrimp trawls.
5/28/2019	Jeff	Sampson	NC	1				1							1	1	1										NC must start to conserve our fishery stocks. Past failures and political interference have once again destroyed the fish stocks of NC. Time to rebuild and allow the state to be the fishery it once was which may never happen at this point. Look at herring and Gray trout, spot, croaker all destroyed.



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5/28/2019	Linwood	Gordon	NC	1							1				1							In management unit E effort for southern flounder from both recreational and commercial fishing is extremely high. These fish cannot stand up to the nightly large mesh gill nets, gigging, spearfishing, and rod/reel fishing. Encountering fish >15 inches inshore has become rare, and it is clear the increased effort has impacted the stock. Another concerning issue is the lack of inshore flounder has forced much effort out to the nearshore reefs, with larger fish being harvested. These offshore fish tend to be a mix of southern and summer flounder, but the average fisherman does not discern between the two. A total moratorium is the best option for the resource.
5/28/2019	Lee	Stone	NC	1							1											
5/28/2019	Mike	Moody	NC	1											1	1						I think these fish could/should be managed with a TAC on the commercial fishery and once it's hit the season closes. Other states have successfully used tags/permits for the recreational sector. As an unformed recreational fisherman, it seems that pound nets keep the fish and untargeted fish alive and would be the best management option.
5/28/2019	Michael	Collins	NC	1				1														A slot on the recreational section and the encouragement of circle hooks would be very helpful.
5/28/2019	David	Ward	NC	1							1											I am submitting my support for the rather drastic cuts identified above. I am sorry the state of the fishery now requires such deep cuts, but we've waited too long. The North Carolina commercial fishery supplies the majority of all wild caught flounder and we bear a responsibility for our actions in over-fishing the species.
5/28/2019	John	Steffens	NC	1							1											I am so grateful that the overfishing of southern flounder is finally being addressed in a meaningful way. My concern is that after so many years of inaction in the face of abundant data indicative of overfishing, embarking on a 10 year program that has a 50% probability of being successful by year 10 does not seem an adequate response; nor does a coin-flip's chance appear to reflect the certainty of the statutory language around our responsibility to restore the species and fishery. I support a more "front-end loaded" approach that has a higher probability of success and that offers us an opportunity to experience positive results sooner. This includes a moratorium on the taking of this species, or at minimum 72% reduction (option D) as well as additional measures to constrain fishing effort. Clearly, this will be painful to everyone who fishes. But it will also stand as an object lesson in what happens when we fail to properly steward public trust resources in a timely way. Thanks
5/28/2019	David	Sneed	NC	1				1														I support the work of Mike Loeffler and his science team in their efforts to finally address decades of overfishing on Southern flounder. The severity of the cuts is going to hurt both the commercial and recreational industries but are necessary because of resistance by the commercial industry to protect these fish. I also support Director Murphey for supporting and backing up the DMF scientists. As he stated at the MFC meeting, the only way to save these fish is to reduce harvest. I also encourage the Division and Commission to continue to look at ways to minimize discard mortality in the gill net and shrimp trawl industries. Get the nets off our nursery areas and give Southern flounder a chance to spawn at least once to help rebuild the stocks.

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5/28/2019	Jody	Townsend	NC	1								1					1	1	1			I would like to see the gigging world come to an end. Spearing fish at night is like shooting Deer with a spot light!! This is not fishing!! or at least one day a week at the beginning of a week. A person with a rod and reel is fishing. It's hard to get kids interested in fishing when fishing is boring to them because its hard. Pulling the nets should be only allowed out 3 to 5 miles and not everyday.
5/28/2019	Mark	Cable	NC	1				1						1			1	1	1			
5/28/2019	Doug	Anderson	NC	1				1						1					1			
5/28/2019	Rodmey	Page	NC	1																		
5/29/2019	Boyd	Brown	NC	1										1			1	1	1			Lifetime Carteret County, NC resident. Absent during 25 year military service. Returned to find NC inshore fisheries a depleted disaster. Avid fisherman and caught one keeper Southern flounder in 2018. It is way past time to finally see some action from our regulators. I'm 71 years old and would like to at least have some hope my grandchildren will know what I experienced growing up. I am for a total closure of the Southern flounder fishery and a removal of gill nets and trawlers from inshore waters until the stock becomes viable again. In my opinion, it is criminal that we have reached this point.
5/29/2019	Jamie	Cole	NC	1				1								1	1	1				I believe we need to make these current recommended changes in order to prevent further decline in our flounder fisheries. We have taking small steps for far too long and our stocks have continually decreased over time due to these small measures. If nothing is done now, our future generations will not have the ability to participate or enjoy the fisheries and fish we have grown up with.
5/29/2019	Bruce	Lee	NC	1										1			1	1	1			I support a complete moratorium for recreational and commercial flounder fishing until the flounder population reaches a defined and targeted level. Any and all netting and hook and line take of flounder should cease immediately. This includes any and all net types that would or could potentially take flounder whether intentionally or unintentionally. This would include gill nets, pound nets, and trawler nets in any inshore waters. Gigging should also be included in the moratorium. The results of decades of poor fisheries management practices are evident not only for the flounder population but many other fishes as well. Reduced creel limits, moratoriums, and season limits are just a few of the obvious results of mismanagement. It is long past due that the NCDMF take drastic measures to protect our public resource and increase the fish populations for all. The health of our coastal economy depends on healthy fisheries. It is way past time to fix the damage done.
5/29/2019	Philip	Cornelison	NC	1					1							1	1	1				Please listen to our Marine Fisheries Biologists. This is what we pay them for, to do the research and come up with the optimal solution!
5/29/2019	Jordan	Jernigan	NC	1				1								1	1	1				Establish quota for commercial operations.
5/29/2019	Robert	Rice	NC	1					1							1	1	1				The studies clearly show that the flounder are severely over fished and in serious danger of collapse. Action that should have been taken years ago, but was not, now necessitates drastic measures in order to protect the resource and give it a reasonable chance to recover.
5/29/2019	Gerald	Cessna	NC	1												1		1				Additional gear changes should be implemented to prevent bycatch of juvenile fish.
5/29/2019	Christopher	Guill	NC	1															1			I enjoy fishing for flounder and rarely keep any. I think strict limits on size and numbers should be implemented. Close it all together until a fisherie can be developed

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5/29/2019	CA	Pittman	NC	1				1					1			1	1	1			Please end all commercial inshore netting in nursery areas during any spawning seasons. Please implement a season for flounder to allow all fish to spawn at least once. Please reduce commercial catch limits until the flounder stocks have recovered. Please implement trip ticket limits. Please END by-catch rules that allow non-target species to be kept by commercial fishermen.
5/29/2019	Kevin	Hall	NC	1						1					1						Our fishery is depleted due to all the nets in our waters. We need drastic measures to revive our fishery just like the Gulf states have done.
5/30/2019	Art	Thinguldstad	NC	1					1				1			1	1	1			Please do this quickly and effectively
5/30/2019	Len	Rosol	NC	1			1						1					1			The time has come for the gill net to join the whale harpoon as obsolete tools in marine museums. Please eliminate all gill nets from our waters. Pound nets can provide all the flounder that nature can spare, with much less bycatch. Also, please consider moving shrimp trawling OUTSIDE of the sounds to the open ocean. Far too much bycatch.
5/30/2019	Me	IO	NC	1																	
5/30/2019	william	fortune	NC	1			1						1					1			
6/1/2019	Thomas	Newman III	NC	1		1							1					1	1		Stocks need to be sustainable for the future. But the fisheries needs to remain profitable for the few remaining participants in the flounder fisheries. Rebuild the stocks but allow pound netters enough time to fish and quota to fish to remain profitable during the rebuilding years. If these fishermen are unable to maintain their gear during this rebuilding time; a low dead discard, manageable, and sustainable fisheries will cease to exist in the future. Thank you for your time.
6/1/2019	Gregory	Judy	NC	1		1							1								Since the so. flounder has been "overfished" for twenty years, yet it is still going, the DMF should impose the less restrictive options until Amend. 3 is developed. The 31% reduction this fall will allow fishermen the chance to adapt to reduced income in 2019 and prepare for the 52% reduction in 2020. All user groups should shoulder the same amount of reduction while we allow this species to recover. I think that the recovery will happen much faster than predicted by the models since there is some source of so. flounder spawning stock that is currently unidentified. If this were not true then the stock would have already crashed.
6/2/2019	Kenneth	Doyle	NC	1						1					1	1	1				No use of entanglement-gill nets & reductions in pound nets.!
6/3/2019	Patrick	Sasser	NC	1				1					1			1	1	1			Please take action as recommended by the Division for 62% and 72% harvest reductions in 2019 and 2020 respectively. Please implement measures to constrain fishing effort such as yardage restrictions, limiting days fished and removal of all commercial gears that interact with flounder once the season is closed.
6/3/2019	Christopher	Elkins	NC	1				1					1			1	1	1			In Amendment 3, one should favor those gears that are least destructive and have least bycatch. In fact, elimination of large mesh gill nets should be considered. first. Also on the table for Amendment 3 should be quotas. Also the ocean flounder fishery, where a very small percentage of fish are Southern flounder. Why close that fishery during the Southern flounder closed season?. Right now comms can fish in the ocean (without a Federal permit) and I guess during the upcoming closed commercial fishing season. That is neither fair to recreational fishermen. If recs cannot fish in the ocean, comms should not be allowed to as well. I would lke to thank the Division for their hard work on this contentious topic. Especially the staff. Also, I am glad you have this box for "other" comments.



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6/3/2019	Jim	Ingraham	NC	1			1							1				1							Until you outlaw gill nets nothing will get better. It should be common sense that wanton waste and destruction from gill nets has no place in the modern fisheries management landscape, but as history has proven time and again real action to protect resources held in public trust usually isn't taken until the situation is truly dire and recovery uncertain. I hope that this commission will break from history's model, separate the politics from the reality of this issue and take immediate action to halt the use of commercial gears that destroy so much for such minimal gain to a select few. There was a time when market hunting ducks on the Chesapeake fell under the loophole of Heritage, but eventually rational minds determined this must be stopped regardless of the cultural implications. Those market hunters adapted to the new order of things and were able to find less destructive sources of income; please do the right thing here and send gill nets the way of the punt guns.
6/3/2019	Michael	Cisneros	NC	1																					This fishery is in dire shape and needs immediate emergency measures to curtail harvest, The sustainable commercial gears, pound nets and gigs, should be given less of a reduction while the unsustainable and dirty large mesh gill fishery should bear the brunt of the reductions and should be entirely closed.
6/3/2019	Thomas	Roller	NC	1					1				1				1	1	1						
<b>Totals:</b>				<b>91</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>195</b>			
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