



Status of Ongoing Fishery Management Plans

Marine Fisheries Commission Update

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Marine Fisheries

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Status of Ongoing Fishery Management Plans

Plans currently under review

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



Spotted Seatrout FMP

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



Striped Mullet FMP

- Stock assessment completed
 - Peer review concluded best available science
 - Overfished
 - Overfishing is occurring
- Scoping Period
 - Solicit stakeholder input
 - Online and in-person participation
 - Informs the plan



Estuarine Striped Bass FMP

- Amendment 2 sent for public and MFC AC review
- Public comment held March 4 – April 1
 - Public questionnaire
 - Listening session
 - Three hybrid AC meetings
- **Vote on preferred management**



Southern Flounder FMP

- February 2022, preferred management selected
- Sent to DEQ Secretary and legislative bodies
- **Vote to adopt Amendment 3**



N.C. FMP for Interjurisdictional Fisheries

- Adopts management measures in approved finfish Federal Councils or the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission FMPs
- Maintains compliance, avoids duplication of effort, fosters communication
- November 2021 MFC Approved the Goal and Objectives
- December 2021 FMP AC Workshop
- Draft Amendment 2 included management options for plan retirement
 - Division determined further consideration is warranted
- **Vote to adopt the 2022 Information Update**



FMP Process May 2022

Striped Mullet

- 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 Bass

- Marine Fisheries Commission selects preferred management options
- DEQ Secretary reports FMP progress to legislative bodies for review

Southern Flounder

- Marine Fisheries Commission votes to adopt the FMP

Interjurisdictional

- Division and Marine Fisheries Commission implement management strategies

Questions?

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Action Item

Vote to adopt the North Carolina FMP for Interjurisdictional Fisheries 2022 Information Update

