



Striped Mullet Fishery Management Plan: Amendment 2

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Marine Fisheries

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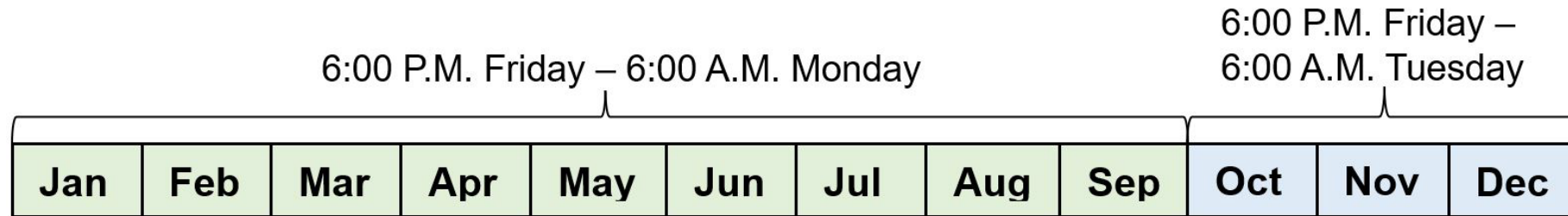
Presentation Outline

- Selected Management Options from February Meeting
- Questions
- MFC Vote on Final Adoption

Amendment 2: Selected Commercial Fishery Management

Commercial Fishery:

- 34.9% reduction
- Saturday-Sunday Harvest Closure (Jan. 1-Sept. 30) (Table 2.18, 5.n)
- Saturday-Monday Harvest Closure (Oct. 1-Dec. 31) (Table 2.18, 5.n)



- Manage stop net fishery with same management measures as rest of fishery, consistent with, but not limited to, previous stop net management (6.a)
- Adaptive Management Framework (10)

MFC Action Item

***Vote on final adoption of Amendment 2 to the Striped
Mullet Fishery Management Plan***

Amendment 2 Timeline

• Division holds public scoping period

• Marine Fisheries Commission approve goal and objectives of FMP

• Division drafting FMP

• Division holds workshop to further develop draft FMP with plan advisory committee

• Division updating draft plan

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

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

• Marine Fisheries Commission select preferred management options

• Legislative review of draft FMP

• **Marine Fisheries Commission vote on final adoption of FMP**

• Division and Marine Fisheries Commission implement management strategies

Current Step

Next Step

*Amendment 2:
Selected Recreational Fishery Management*

Recreational Fishery

- Recreational individual bag limit of 100 fish (Table 3.7, 1.c)
- Recreational vessel limit of 400 fish (Table 3.7, 1.c)
- Exception for For Hire Vessel Operations to possess a bag limit for the number of anglers fishing up to the 400-fish maximum (including in advance of a trip) (Table 3.7, 2.c)

Questions?

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MFC Selected Management

- 5.n: Saturday-Sunday Closure (Jan. 1-Sept. 30), Saturday-Monday Closure (Oct. 1-Dec. 31) – 34.9% Reduction
- 6.a: Manage stop net fishery with same management measures as rest of fishery
- 10: Adaptive Management Framework
- 1.c: Recreational individual bag limit of 100 fish and vessel limit of 400 fish
- 2.c: Exception for For Hire Vessel Operations to possess a bag limit for the number of anglers fishing up to the 400-fish maximum (including in advance of a trip)

Table 2.11. Percent of harvest by day of week or combination of days, 2019 and 2017-2021.

Day(s) of Week	2019 Landings	Landings (%)	2017-2021 Landings	Landings (%)
Sunday	162,709	11.9	780,061	10.4
Monday	209,707	15.4	1,201,290	16.1
Tuesday	247,756	18.2	1,273,991	17.0
Wednesday	190,343	14.0	1,148,997	15.4
Thursday	191,313	14.0	1,038,243	13.9
Friday	173,090	12.7	1,048,743	14.0
Saturday	187,294	13.7	984,763	13.2
Saturday-Sunday	350,003	25.7	1,764,823	23.6
Friday-Sunday	523,093	38.4	2,813,566	37.6
Saturday-Monday	559,710	41.1	2,966,113	39.7
Friday-Monday	732,800	53.8	4,014,856	53.7

DMF Recommendation

Option	Season Closure	Daily Trip Limit (lb.)	Day of Week Closure	% Reduction	% Reduction with 30k Stop Net Cap
5.a*	.	.	Sat-Sun	25.7	24.0
5.b	Dec 1-Dec 31	Jan-Sep 1,000; Sat-Sun 50 lb	.	28.1	26.4
5.c*	.	Jan-Sep 1,000	Sat-Sun	28.5	26.9
5.d	Dec 1-Dec 31	Jan-Oct 15 1,000; Sat-Sun 50 lb	.	28.9	27.3
5.e	Nov 12-Dec 31	1,000	.	29.1	27.5
5.f*	.	Jan-Oct 15 1,000 lb	Sat-Sun	29.3	27.7
5.g			Jan-Oct Sat-Sun; Nov-Dec Sat-Mon	30.0	28.5
5.h		Jan-Oct 15 and Dec 500; Sat-Sun 50 lb		31.3	29.8
5.i	Dec 1-Dec 31	Jan-Sep 1,000	Sat-Sun	31.8	30.2
5.j		Jan and Dec 100 lb; Feb-Sep 500 lb; Sat-Sun 50 lb		32.4	30.9
5.k	Dec 1-Dec 31	Jan-Oct 15 1,000	Sat-Sun	32.6	31.1
5.l	Nov 8-Dec 31	1,000	.	34.6	33.1
5.m		Jan and Dec 50 lb; Sat-Sun 50 lb; Feb-Oct 15 500 lb		34.6	33.2
5.n ⁺			Jan-Sept Sat-Sun; Oct-Dec Sat-Mon	34.9	33.4
5.o		Jan-Oct 15 and Dec 500	Sat-Sun	35.4	33.9
5.p		Jan1-31 and Nov16-Dec31 50 lb., Sat-Sun 50 lb, Feb1-Oct15 500lb		36.9	35.5
5.q		Jan and Dec 100 lb; Feb-Sep 500 lb	Sat-Sun	36.5	36.0
5.r	Nov 12-Dec 31	1,000	Sat	38.6	37.2

*Endorsed by Striped Mullet FMP AC

⁺DMF Recommendation

Commercial Landings Striped Mullet 2013-2023

