



# *Status of Ongoing Fishery Management Plans*

Marine Fisheries Commission Update

*DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY*

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## Plans currently under review

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



## *Southern Flounder FMP*

- Amendment 3 addresses comprehensive, long-term management
- Feb. 2021 Amendment 3 allocation set at 70% commercial and 30% recreational
- March 2021 allocation amended to 70/30 in 2021, 60/40 in 2023, and achieve 50/50 parity in allocation in 2024
- Draft plan revised to address MFC comments
  - August 2021 FMP AC Workshop
- **Vote to send for public and MFC AC review**



# *Shrimp FMP*

- Amendment 2 Goal is to manage the fishery to:
  - Provide adequate resource protection
  - Optimize long-term harvest
  - Minimize ecosystem impacts
- March 2021 FMP Workshops
- June 2021 Public and MFC AC review
- **Vote on preferred management options**



# *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
- Last updated in 2015
- Management strategy to address a mechanism to remove a state plan covered by this plan
- December 2021 FMP AC Workshop
- **Vote to approve the Goal and Objectives**





## *Estuarine Striped Bass FMP*

- Feb. 2021 Amendment 2 Goal and objectives approved
- Goal of plan is to achieve self-sustaining populations that provide sustainable harvest
- FMP AC Workshop completed
- Staff continue to draft Amendment 2



## *Striped Mullet FMP*

- 2018 stock assessment update
  - Indicated not experiencing overfishing
  - Overfished status unable to be determined
- Stock assessment underway
  - 2019 terminal year
- November 8 – 10, 2021 Peer Review Workshop
- Completion set for 2022



## *Spotted Seatrout FMP*

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





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# Questions?

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