



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

- Eastern Oyster/Hard Clam
- Estuarine Striped Bass
- Striped Mullet
- Spotted Seatrout
- Blue Crab



Eastern Oyster and Hard Clam FMPs

- Plan is under review
- Plan Development Team established
- Identifying data sources



Estuarine Striped Bass FMP

- Preferred management selected May 2022
- MFC tabled discussion August 2022
- Vote to adopt the Estuarine Striped Bass FMP Amendment 2



Estuarine Striped Bass FMP Adaptive Management

- Stock Assessment Update Albemarle-Roanoke stock
- Data through 2022
- Adaptive management allows for management changes to address results of the stock assessment



Striped Mullet FMP

- Stock assessment indicates overfished and overfishing
- Supplement developed to implement temporary management
 - Long-term interest of the stock
 - Addresses overfishing
 - In place until Amendment 2 is adopted



Striped Mullet FMP

- Scoping September 26 – October 7
 - Scoping document to guide discussion
 - Online and in-person participation
 - MFC opportunity to provide input on management strategies
- Approve Amendment 2 Goal and Objectives



Spotted Seatrout FMP

- Stock assessment completed
 - Stock includes North Carolina and Virginia
 - Peer reviewed
 - Best available science
 - Division approved for management
- FMP Scoping will occur early 2023



Blue Crab FMP Adaptive Management

- Amendment 3 adaptive management included a stock assessment update
 - Update will begin in 2023
 - Data through 2022
- Amendment 3 established criteria for Diamondback Terrapin Management Areas
 - Require a DMF approved device in pot March 1 – October 31
 - Criteria allows for changes in approved device list
 - Division is reviewing research on a NC crabber designed device



FMP Process November 2022

Spotted Seatrout

- Division holds public scoping period

Striped Mullet

- 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

- Marine Fisheries Commission selects preferred management options

- DEQ Secretary reports FMP progress to legislative bodies for review


Striped Bass

- Marine Fisheries Commission votes to adopt the FMP

- Division and Marine Fisheries Commission implement management strategies

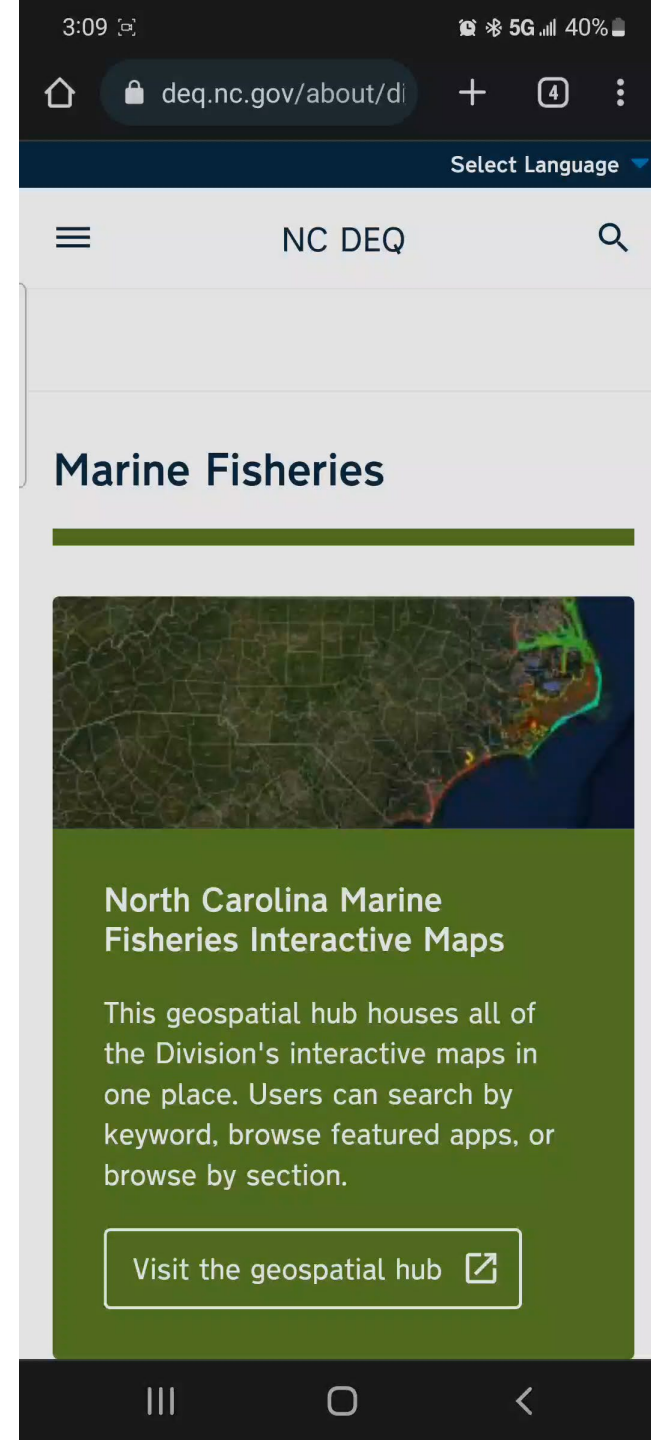


FMP Process: Adaptive Management

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- Division and Marine Fisheries Commission implement management strategies

- **Estuarine Striped Bass**
 - Stock assessment update
- **Blue Crab**
 - Stock assessment update
 - Diamondback Terrapin Approved Biological Reduction Devices

See Website for More Information





Questions?

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