



Status of Ongoing Fishery Management Plans

Marine Fisheries Commission Update

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Status of Ongoing Fisheries Management Plans

- FMPs under development
 - Striped Mullet
 - Spotted Seatrout
 - Eastern Oyster/Hard Clam
- Adaptive management
 - Estuarine Striped Bass
 - Blue Crab
 - Southern Flounder



FMPs Under Development



Striped Mullet FMP Amendment 2

- Stock assessment indicates overfished, and overfishing is occurring
- Supplement A to Amendment 1 in place until adopted
- November 2022 Amendment 2 Goal and Objectives approved
- July 2023 FMP Advisory Committee Workshop
- Vote to send Amendment 2 for public and MFC Advisory Committee review



Spotted Seatrout FMP Amendment 1

- Stock assessment indicates not overfished but overfishing is occurring
- March 2023 Scoping
- May 2023 Amendment 1 Goal and Objectives approved
- Amendment 1 development



Eastern Oyster FMP Amendment 5

Hard Clam FMP Amendment 3

- Scoping occurred September 11 - 22
- Considerations from MFC members
- Vote to approve Goal and Objectives of each plan
- Amendments will be developed



Adaptive Management



Estuarine Striped Bass FMP Amendment 2 Adaptive Management

- Stock assessment update Albemarle-Roanoke stock indicated stock is overfished and overfishing is occurring
- Adaptive management allows for management changes to address results of the stock assessment



Blue Crab FMP Amendment 3 Adaptive Management

- Stock assessment indicated stock is overfished and overfishing is occurring
 - Completed 2018
 - Data through 2016
- Stock assessment update
 - Data through 2022
- Adaptive management allows for management changes to address results of the stock assessment



Southern Flounder FMP Amendment 3 Adaptive Management

- Regional stock assessment indicated stock is overfished and overfishing is occurring
 - Completed 2019
 - Data through 2017
- Stock assessment update
 - Data through 2022
- Adaptive management allows for management changes to address results of the stock assessment



FMP Process November 2023

Eastern Oyster
Hard Clam

- Division holds public scoping period

- Marine Fisheries Commission approve goal and objectives of FMP

Spotted Seatrout

- Division drafts FMP

- Division holds FMP workshop to further develop draft FMP with advisory committee

- Division updates draft FMP

Striped Mullet

- 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

- Marine Fisheries Commission votes to adopt the FMP

- Division and Marine Fisheries Commission implement management strategies

FMP Process: Adaptive Management



• Division and Marine Fisheries Commission implement management strategies

- Estuarine Striped Bass
 - Adaptive management update
- Blue Crab
 - Stock assessment update
- Southern Flounder
 - Stock assessment update

Questions?

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