



Status of Ongoing Fishery Management Plans

Marine Fisheries Commission Update

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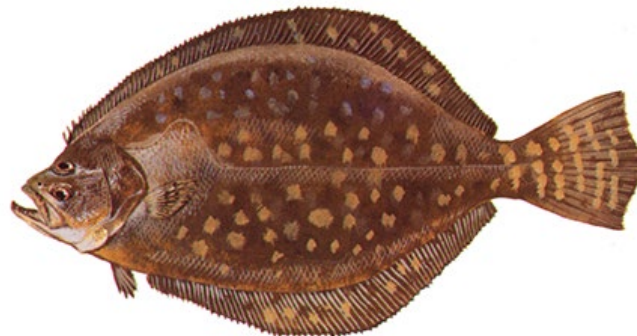
Plans currently under review

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



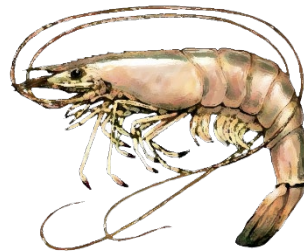
Southern Flounder FMP

- Amendment 3 addresses comprehensive, long-term management
- FMP Workshop held in Oct. 2020
- Nov. 2020 MFC meeting
 - Amendment 3 progress update
 - MFC motion requesting analysis of varying allocations



Shrimp FMP

- Continue development of Amendment 2
- Goal of Plan is to manage the fishery to:
 - Provide adequate resource protection
 - Optimize long-term harvest
 - Minimize ecosystem impacts
- MFC feedback on draft issues is welcome



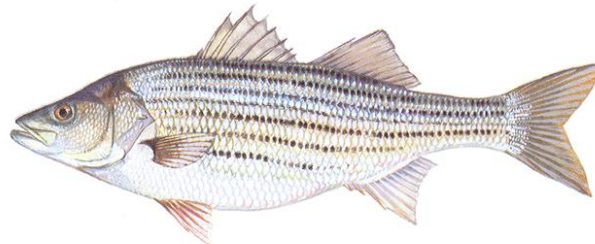
Estuarine Striped Bass FMP

Amendment 1

- 2020 Revision harvest reductions implemented by proclamation effective Jan. 1, 2021
- Wildlife Resources Commission 2021 harvest proclamation issued Jan. 14, 2021

Amendment 2

- Public scoping held Nov. 2-15 to solicit public comment
- MFC input on additional management strategies welcome
- **Consider approval of draft goal and objectives**



Spotted Seatrout FMP

- Benchmark stock assessment continuing
- 2014 stock assessment indicated not overfished and not experiencing overfishing
- Completion set for late 2021 or early 2022



Striped Mullet FMP

- Benchmark stock assessment underway
- 2017 stock assessment update
 - Indicated not experiencing overfishing
 - Overfished status unable to be determined
- Completion set for 2022



Interjurisdictional Fisheries FMP

- Scheduled review underway
- Adopts management measures appropriate for North Carolina in existing finfish FMPs approved by the Federal Councils or the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
- Avoids duplicative effort
- Last updated in 2015
- A process to be incorporated in the plan will address a mechanism to “retire” a state plan covered by the IJ FMP



FMP Process February 2021

• Division holds public scoping period

Striped Bass

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• Division draft FMP

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Questions?

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