



Status of Ongoing Fishery Management Plans

Marine Fisheries Commission Update

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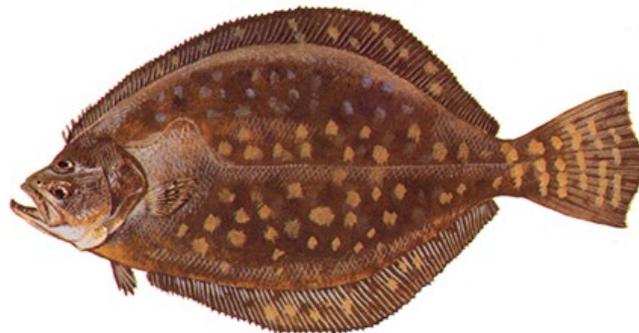
Plans currently under review

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



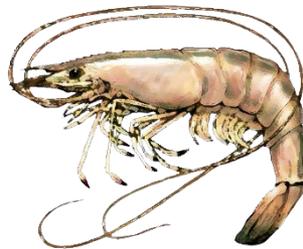
Southern Flounder FMP

- Amendment 2 adopted August 2019 by MFC
- DMF immediately began development of Amendment 3
- FMP Workshop held in October 2020



Shrimp FMP

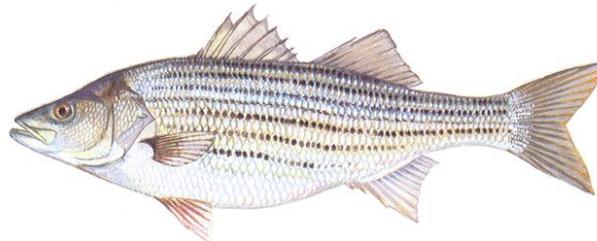
- Continue development of Amendment 2
- Management strategies include:
 - Habitat protection
 - Further reducing bycatch
 - Potential changes to existing shrimp management
- Goal of Plan is to manage the fishery to:
 - Provide adequate resource protection
 - Optimize long-term harvest
 - Minimize ecosystem impacts
- Advisory Committee appointment process will begin before the end of the year



Estuarine Striped Bass FMP

Amendment 1

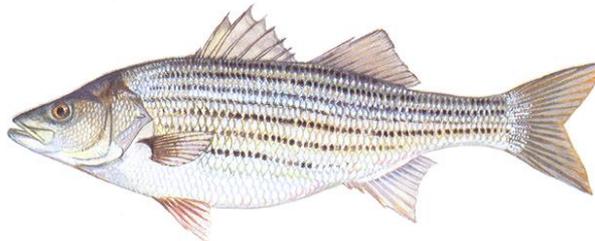
- Management continues under Amendment 1
- Central Southern Management Area (CSMA) evaluation report
- Albemarle Sound-Roanoke River (A-R) 2020 benchmark stock assessment completed
- A-R stock is overfished and overfishing is occurring
- Amendment 1 adaptive management to address overfishing
- November 2020 Revision to Amendment 1 to lower total allowable landings
- Action maintains compliance under FMP plan and ASMFC plan



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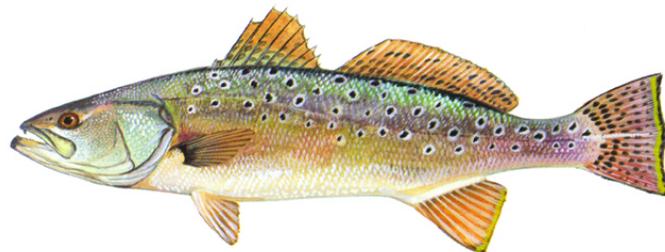
Amendment 2

- Primary management strategy is long-term sustainable harvest
- Hot Topics page on division website
- Public scoping held Nov. 2-15 to solicit public comment
- At February 2021 business meeting:
 - Receive results of the scoping period
 - Vote on approval of draft goal and objectives
 - Provide input on additional management strategies



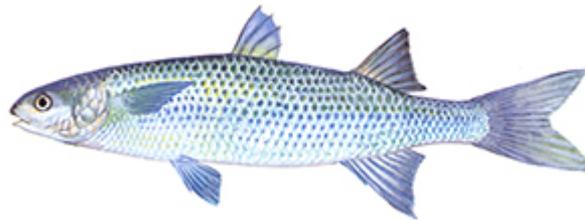
Spotted Seatrout FMP

- Benchmark stock assessment continuing
- 2014 stock assessment indicated not overfished and not experiencing overfishing
- Data Workshop in October, incorporating data through 2019
- Completion set for 2021



Striped Mullet FMP

- Benchmark stock assessment beginning
- 2017 stock assessment update indicated not experiencing overfishing
- Overfished status unable to be determined
- Plan Development Team will hold a Planning Workshop in December



FMP Process November 2020

Striped Bass

- Division holds public scoping period

- Marine Fisheries Commission approve goal and objectives of FMP

Shrimp

- Division draft FMP

- Division hold workshops to further develop draft FMP with plan advisory committee

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- Division update draft plan for Marine Fisheries Commission presentation

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

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