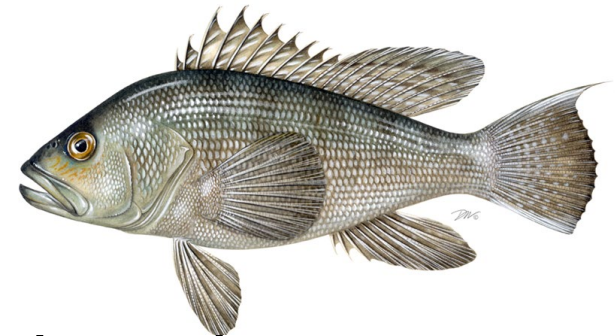
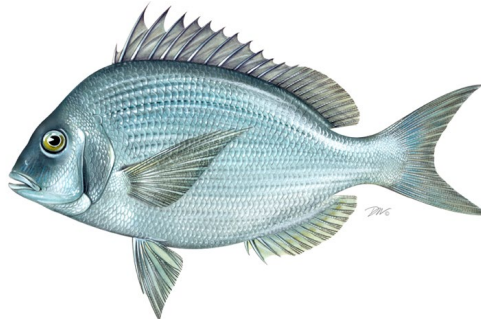
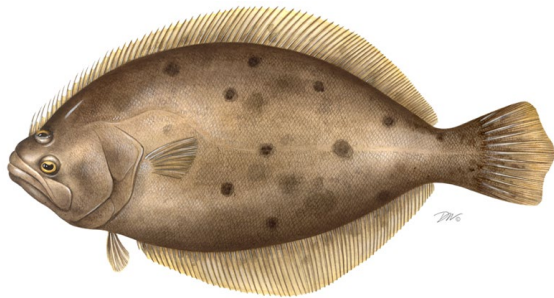




# Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board

## Ongoing Activities and Actions



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# Addenda XXXI, XXXII – Timeline



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<b>October 2018</b>	<b>Approve Draft Addendum XXXII for public comment</b>
November 2018	Public Hearings for Draft Addenda XXXI and XXXII
December 2018	Final Approval of Draft Addenda XXXI and XXXII
February 2019	<i>Board approval of coastwide or regional measures proposals</i>
March 2019	<i>Approve final recreational measures</i>

# BSB Strategic Plan - Timeline



Date	Activity/Action
Summer 2018	Development of Draft Strategic Plan
<b>August- December 2018</b>	<b>Development of short term management program (Add. XXXII)</b>
Early 2019	Rec Working Group convenes to develop management document for long-term
April 2019	Operational Assessment Complete
August 2019	Board & Council Review of Assessment
??	<i>Board and Council initiate a joint action to implement long term management changes</i>

# Commercial WG - Timeline



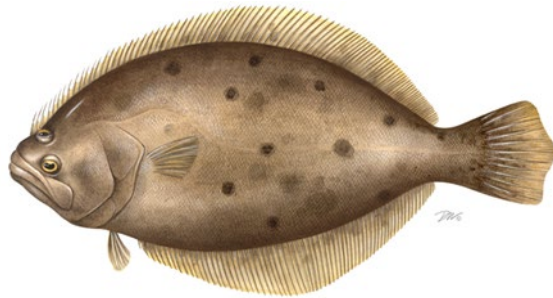
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# Questions?

# Draft Addendum XXXII

## *Recreational Management for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass*



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# Outline



1. Background
2. Management Options
  - Status quo/Coastwide measures
  - Setting measures through specifications
3. Standards and Guiding Principles
  - Summer Flounder
  - Black Sea Bass
4. Next Steps

# Background



- Summer Flounder managed under Addendum XXVIII, expires in 2018
- Black Sea Bass managed under Addendum XXX, expires 2018
- May 2018: Board motion to develop a new action for black sea bass (Add. XXXII)
- August 2018: Board added summer flounder recreational management to Draft Addendum

# Addendum Objectives



- Equity and regulatory stability
- Harvest opportunities commensurate with species abundance and distribution
- Management measures responsive to harvest estimates, stock status information, and public input
- Recreational program for both species until long-term management changes

# Management Options



For Both Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass:

**Option A: Status quo/Coastwide Measures**

**Option B: Setting Measures through the  
Specifications Process**



**Standards and Guiding Principles**

(Sub-options for Black Sea Bass)

# Option A: Status Quo



- Coastwide measures are the default under the FMP for both species
- Summer flounder: status quo = CE
- Black sea bass: status quo = 1 set of uniform measures
- Selecting this option would not require addendum

# Option B: Setting Measures through Specifications



- Procedural change from current process
- Same general procedures for projecting/evaluating harvest and developing measures
- Public input through state processes
- No formal state shares written into addendum
- Annual addenda not required

# Standards and Guiding Principles



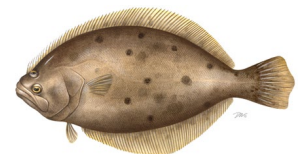
- If Option B is selected, sets of standards and guiding principles would structure development of measures
- Standards and guiding principles differ for summer flounder and black sea bass
- General goals are regulatory stability and equitable access

# Standards and Guiding Principles: Summer Flounder



## Summer Flounder Standards:

1. Measures developed using a six-region approach: 1) MA, 2) RI, 3) CT-NY, 4) NJ, 5) DE-VA, and 6) NC
2. Measures for all states within a region will consist of the same minimum size limit, possession limit, and season length.
3. Alternative methodologies outside of those proposed by the TC must first be approved by the Board.



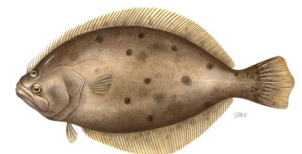


# Standards and Guiding Principles: Summer Flounder



## Summer Flounder Guiding Principles:

- Recreational measures should be as similar to the prior year's measures as possible.
- Aim for regulatory stability from year to year, and to reduce differences in measures for states in bordering regions over time.



# Standards and Guiding Principles: Black Sea Bass



## Black Sea Bass Standards:

1. Measures will be developed using a three-region approach: 1) MA-NY; 2) NJ; and 3) DE-NC (north of Cape Hatteras).
2. The Board will determine how coastwide harvest liberalization or reduction is distributed among the regions.
3. TBD based on Sub-options...



# Standards and Guiding Principles: Black Sea Bass



\*\*There are 2 sub-options for Black Sea Bass Standard 3

**Sub-option B1:** Recreational measures within a region will be crafted using the prior year's measures as a starting point...

- If a no regional reduction is required, then no state will be required to reduce measures.
- If regional liberalization is allowed, states develop their measures in a manner that collectively reduces intraregional disparities.
- If regional reduction is required, states will develop measures in a manner that ensures each state takes an equitable reduction



# Standards and Guiding Principles: Black Sea Bass



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**Sub-option B2:** Recreational measures within a region will be crafted using a regional regulatory standard as a starting point.

- All states within the region adopt same standard minimum size
- Possession limit can deviate from the standard by no more than 3 fish
- Season can deviate from standard provided the disparity between the least and most restrictive seasons within the region does not increase from the prior year.



# Standards and Guiding Principles: Black Sea Bass



## Black Sea Bass Guiding Principles:

- Limit disproportionate harvest reductions for individual states.
- Reduce interregional differences between measures when possible.



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# Board Actions



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**Questions?**



# **Black Sea Bass Commercial Working Group Report**



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October 24, 2018

# Background



- Commercial WG established to identify issues and management strategies related to changes in black sea bass abundance and distribution
- Chair – David Borden (RI)
- Members: Nichola Meserve (MA), John Maniscalco (NY), Rob O'Reilly (VA)
- Met on conference call in September 2018

# Statement of the Problem



- Commercial black sea bass allocations set in 2003, based on landings from 1980-2001
- 33% to ME-NY and 67% to NJ-NC
- Scientific evidence of shifts in fishery and stock abundance and distribution
- Management is not responsive to these changes
- States can be negatively impacted by other states' quota overages

# Proposed Management Objectives



- Maintain fishing mortality and spawning stock biomass within established thresholds and targets
- Improve equity in access to the fishery among the states
- Improve fishery efficiency (e.g. use of time, fuel and other resources; reducing discards)



# Potential Management Strategies



- Adjustments to the state by state allocations
- Shared trip limits
- Similar strategy to the scup model to increase equitability in access for federal vessels
- Criteria to trigger review and/or revision of allocations
- Landings flexibility

# Next Steps



- Provide feedback to the commercial working group on statement of the problem, objectives, and strategies
- WG will continue identifying potential strategies for development

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