

***Current FMP Contents: Annual Catch Limits  
and Accountability Measures***

**The tables that follow utilize the following acronyms:**

ABC=Acceptable biological catch

ACL=Annual catch limits

AM=Accountability measures

DAH=Domestic annual harvest

F=Fishing mortality

F(MSY)=Fishing mortality at maximum sustainable yield (MSY)

IOY=Initial optimum yield

ITQ=Individual transferrable quota

M=natural mortality

MSP=Maximum spawning potential

NA = Not applicable

OY=Optimum yield

PYOO = Prior year overage offset

TAL=Total allowable landings

TAC=Total allowable catch

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Species	Overfishing Limit (OFL)	ABC Control Rule (Scientific Uncertainty)	ACL Control Rule (Management Uncertainty)	ACT (if needed)	Overall AMs (proactive, reactive)	Recreational AMs (proactive, reactive)	Commercial AMs (proactive, reactive)
<b>Summer flounder</b>	Yield associated with $F(MSY)$ proxy = $F$ (threshold)	Not specified rule in FMP; SSC identified ABC level in 2009	No rule specified in FMP; Council recomm. TAL in 2009 < ABC to account for management uncertainty	None specified; May be sector specific	Specified as sector specific (commercial and recreational)	No required proactive measures; Management measure adjusted the subsequent year	Closure of fishery (reactive); Prior year overage offset (PYOO)* by state (reactive)
<b>Scup</b>	Yield associated with $F(MSY)$ proxy = $F$ (threshold)	Not specified rule in FMP; SSC identified ABC level in 2009	None specified	None specified; May be sector specific	Specified as sector specific (commercial and recreational)	No required proactive measures; Management measure adjusted the subsequent year	Trip limit drops once 80% of Winter I quota reached (proactive); Closure of fishery (reactive); PYOO* by period (reactive)
<b>Black sea bass</b>	Yield associated with $F(MSY)$ proxy = $F$ (threshold)	Not specified rule in FMP; SSC identified ABC level in 2009	None specified	None specified; May be sector specific	Specified as sector specific (commercial and recreational)	No required proactive measures; Management measure adjusted the subsequent year	Closure of fishery (reactive); PYOO* coastwide (reactive)
<b>Bluefish</b>	Yield associated with $F(MSY)$ proxy = $F$ (threshold)	Not specified rule in FMP; SSC identified ABC level in 2009	None specified	None specified; May be sector specific	No pro-active AMs. Reactive AMs for commercial sector. No reactive AMs for recreational sector.	No required proactive measures; Management measure adjusted the subsequent year	Closure of fishery at state-specific and/or coastwide level (reactive). State-specific PYOO* (reactive).

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<b>Dogfish</b>	Yield associated with $F(\text{replace}) = F(\text{threshold})$	Not specified rule in FMP; SSC identified ABC based on F-target	None specified	None specified	None specified	N/A (no recreational restrictions)	Closure of fishery ( <b>reactive</b> )
<b>Surflam</b>	$F = M$ (threshold)	OY sign. < MSY	None specified	None specified	ITQ	NA	ITQ proactive; no landings without tags
<b>Ocean quahog</b>	$F = 25\% \text{MSP}$ (threshold)	OY sign. < MSY	None specified	None specified	ITQ	NA	ITQ proactive; no landings without tags
<b>Tilefish</b>	Yield associated with FMSY	Not specified rule in FMP; use constant harvest of 905 mt	None specified	None specified	Specified as sector specific (commercial)	NA	Limited access category has PYOO* ( <b>reactive</b> ); incidental permit category trip limits are adjusted in next year

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<b>Mackerel</b>	Yield associated with FMSY	ABC=Yield @F-target (regs state F-target calculated in most recent stock assessment, currently 0.75Fmsy); conditional on SSB	None specified	None specified; May be sector specific	Specified as sector specific (commercial)	None specified	Directed fishery closes and incidental trip limit imposed once 90% of IOY reached ( <b>proactive</b> ). Trip limits designed to accommodate bycatch and are associated with low probability of overage occurring ( <b>proactive</b> ). Total closure of fishery at 100% of IOY ( <b>reactive</b> ). Closure buffers and closure trip limits evaluated annually based on prior performance ( <b>reactive</b> ).
<b>Butterfish</b>	Yield associated with FMSY	ABC=Yield associated with F-target (0.75FMSY in FMP)	None specified	None specified; May be sector specific	Specified as sector specific (commercial)	NA	Trip limit drops once 80% of DAH reached - conditional on date of closure ( <b>proactive</b> ). Trip limits designed to accommodate bycatch and are associated with low probability of overage occurring ( <b>proactive</b> ). Closure buffers and closure trip limits evaluated annually based on prior performance ( <b>reactive</b> ).