



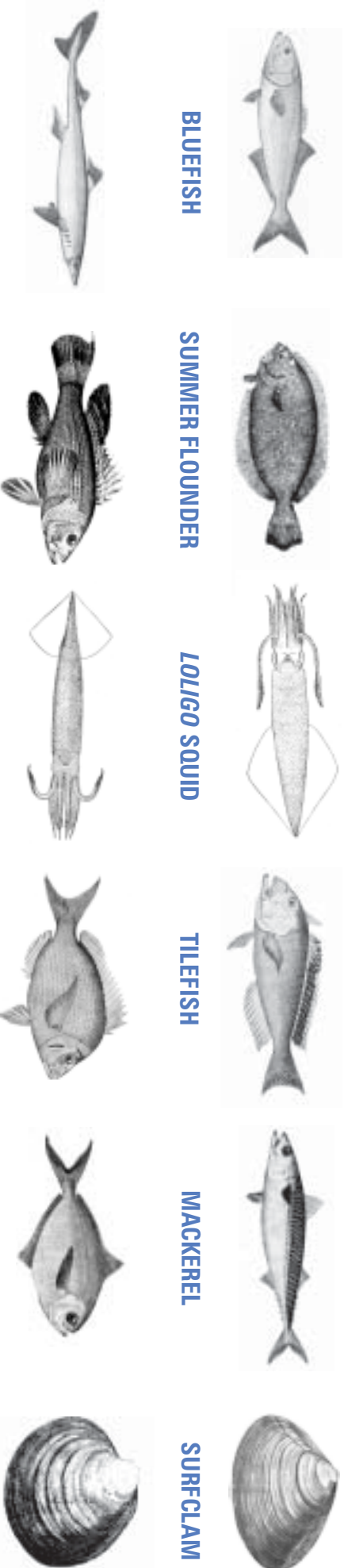
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

2003 Proposed (P) and Final (F) Federal Recreational Management Measures

NOTE: This table is a summary of proposed and final federal regulations and should be used only as a guide. Final federal regulations are or will be published in the Federal Register and when this occurs, those regulations will be the ones applicable for 2003. Fishermen should also contact state agencies to obtain a complete copy of current state regulations.

SPECIES	FISHING SEASON	HARVEST LIMIT*	RESEARCH SET-ASIDE	SIZE LIMIT	BAG LIMIT
(P) Summer Flounder (Fluke)	state specific	9.28 million pounds	91,163 pounds	state specific	state specific
(P) Scup	Jan. 1-Feb. 28 and July 1-Nov. 30 state specific	4.01 million pounds	66,650 pounds	10" total length state specific	50 fish state specific
(P) Black Sea Bass	Jan. 1-Sept. 1 and Sept. 16-Nov. 30	3.43 million pounds	67,676 pounds	12" total length	25 fish
(P) Bluefish	January 1-December 31	26.8 million pounds	141,900 pounds	none	15 fish
(F) Atlantic Mackerel	January 1-December 31	15,000 metric tons	none	none	none

* Harvest limits not adjusted for research set-aside



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NE Multispecies Regulated Mesh & Restricted GRAs Regulations
NE Multispecies Small Mesh Fishery Exemptions
NE Multispecies Large Mesh Fishery Exemptions
NE Multispecies Closed Area Regulations
Marine Mammal Closed Area Regulations
Sea Scallop & Restricted Gear Closed Area Regulations
NE Multispecies Charter/Party & Recreational Fishing Regulations
NE Atlantic Fisheries Organization Regulations
Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass & Squid Quota Reports

NMFS MMPA/Sea Turtle/ESA Stranding Network
978-585-7149

NMFS Right Whale Sightings Advisory System
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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

NMFS Federal Fishing Violations Hotline
800-853-1964

NMFS Northeast Regional Office
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2003 Proposed (P) and Final (F) Federal Commercial Management Measures



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SPECIES	FISHING YEAR	INITIAL QUOTA*	SIZE LIMIT	GEAR	RESEARCH SET-ASIDE	REMARKS
(F) Summer Flounder	January 1-December 31	13.98 million pounds	14"	5.5" minimum diamond mesh 6" minimum square mesh	91,163 pounds	State-by-state quotas
(F) Scup	January 1-December 31	12.47 million pounds	9"	4.5"/5.0" minimum diamond mesh Gear Restricted Areas: Northern GRA closed from Nov. 1-Dec. 31. Southern GRA closed from Jan. 1-March 15	66,650 pounds	TRIMESTER QUOTAS & TRIP LIMITS: Winter I: January-April - 15,000 pounds per week (Sunday-Saturday) Winter II: 1,500 pounds per trip. Net modifications allow vessels fishing with small mesh and having an escapement extension of 45 meshes of 5.5" square mesh behind the body of the net and ahead of the codend to fish in the GRAs provided vessels have an observer onboard consistent with ACCSP standards.
(F) Black Sea Bass	January 1-December 31	3.33 million pounds	11"	4.5" minimum diamond mesh Pots/Traps: circular vents: 2-3/8" square vents: 2" rectangular vents: 1-3/8"x5-3/4"	67,676 pounds	State-by-state quotas
(P) Bluefish	January 1-December 31	10.5 million pounds	none	none	141,900 pounds	State-by-state quotas
(P) Spiny Dogfish	May 1-April 30	4.0 million pounds	none	none	none	QUOTA PERIODS & POSSESSION LIMITS: Quota Period I: May 2003-October 2003 - 2,316,000 million pounds; possession limit of 600 pounds Quota Period II: November 2003-April 2004 - 1,684,000 million pounds; possession limit of 300 pounds
(F) Long-finned Squid (Loligo)	January 1-December 31	Max OY - 26,000 metric tons (mt) ABC, IOY, DAH, DAP - 17,000 mt (17,000 mt allocated to quarterly quotas)	none	1.875" minimum diamond mesh	127.5 mt	QUARTERLY QUOTAS: Quarter I: January-March - 5,649 mt (33.2%); Quarter II: April-June - 2,994 mt (17.6%) Quarter III: July-September - 2,941 mt (17.3%); Quarter IV: October-December - 5,416 mt (31.9%) *When 80% of the directed fishery in Quarters I-III is taken, vessels are restricted to a 2,500 pound trip limit for the remainder of the quarter. The quarterly overages would be deducted as follows: 1st quarter deducted from the 3rd quarter and 2nd quarter deducted from the 4th quarter. If the landings in the 1st quarter are less than 80% of the allocation, the underage would be applied to the 3rd quarter. Any underages in the 2nd and 3rd quarters would be applied to the 4th quarter. When 95% of the annual quota is taken, the fishery is closed.
(F) Short-finned Squid (Illex)	January 1-December 31	Max OY, ABC, IOY, DAH, DAP - 24,000 mt	none	none	none	The directed fishery for <i>Illex</i> will remain open until 95% of ABC is taken (22,800 mt). When this landing level is reached, the directed fishery would be closed and a 5,000 pound trip limit would be imposed for the remainder of the fishing year.
(F) Atlantic Mackerel	January 1-December 31	ABC - 347,000 mt IOY - 175,000 mt DAH - 175,000 mt (15,000 mt rec. harvest) DAP - 150,000 mt JVP - 10,000 mt TALFF - zero	none	none	none	NMFS Northeast Regional Administrator can increase the mackerel JVP an additional 10,000 mt without consulting the Council.
(F) Butterfish	January 1-December 31	Max OY - 16,000 mt ABC - 7,200 mt IOY - 5,900 mt DAH and DAP - 5,900 mt	none	none	none	
(F) Surfclams	January 1-December 31	3.25 million bushels	suspended	none	none	Individual Transferrable Quotas (ITQ)
(F) Ocean Quahog	January 1-December 31	4.5 million bushels	none	none	none	Individual Transferrable Quotas (ITQ) Maine Ocean Quahog Quota - 100,000 bushels
(F) Tilefish	November 1-October 31	1.995 million pounds	none	none	none	5% of the total quota is allocated to incidental take and the remaining 95% of the adjusted quota is allocated as follows: Full-Time Tier 1 Permit-66%; Full-Time Tier 2 Permit-15%; Part-Time Permit-19%

* Quotas not adjusted for prior year overages and/or research set-aside