



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

2006 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 2006. 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	9.43 million pounds	355,762 pounds	state specific	state specific
(P) Scup	Jan. 1-Feb. 28 and Sep. 18-Nov. 30	4.19 million pounds	184,690 pounds	10" total length state specific	50 fish state specific
(P) Black Sea Bass	January 1-December 31	4.08 million pounds	178,956 pounds	12" total length	25 fish
(F) Bluefish	January 1-December 31	16,718 million pounds	363,677 pounds	none	15 fish
(P) Atlantic Mackerel	January 1-December 31	15,000 metric tons	none	none	none

* Harvest limits not adjusted for research set-aside



BLUEFISH



SUMMER FLOUNDER



LOLIGO SQUID



TILEFISH



MACKEREL



SURFLCLAM



SPINY DOGFISH



BLACK SEA BASS



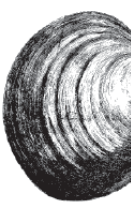
ILLEX SQUID



SCUP



BUTTERFISH



OCEAN QUAHOG

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Dover, DE 19904
302-674-2331
www.mafmc.org

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
202-289-6400
<http://www.asmfmc.org/>

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
843-571-4366
<http://www.safmc.net>

New England Fishery Management Council
978-465-0492
<http://www.nefmc.org/>

NOAA Right Whale Northeast Sightings
978-585-8473

NOAA MMIPA/Sea Turtle/ESA Stranding Network
978-585-7149

NOAA Fisheries Southeast Permits Branch
727-824-5326
<http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sf/permits.htm>

NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office
727-824-5301
<http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/>

NOAA Fisheries Northeast Protected Resources
http://www.nero.noaa.gov/prot_res/

NOAA Fisheries Northeast Regulations
<http://www.nero.noaa.gov/regs/index.html>

NOAA Fisheries Northeast Permits
978-281-9370
<http://www.nero.noaa.gov/permits/>

NOAA Northeast Fisheries Science Center
508-495-2000
<http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/>

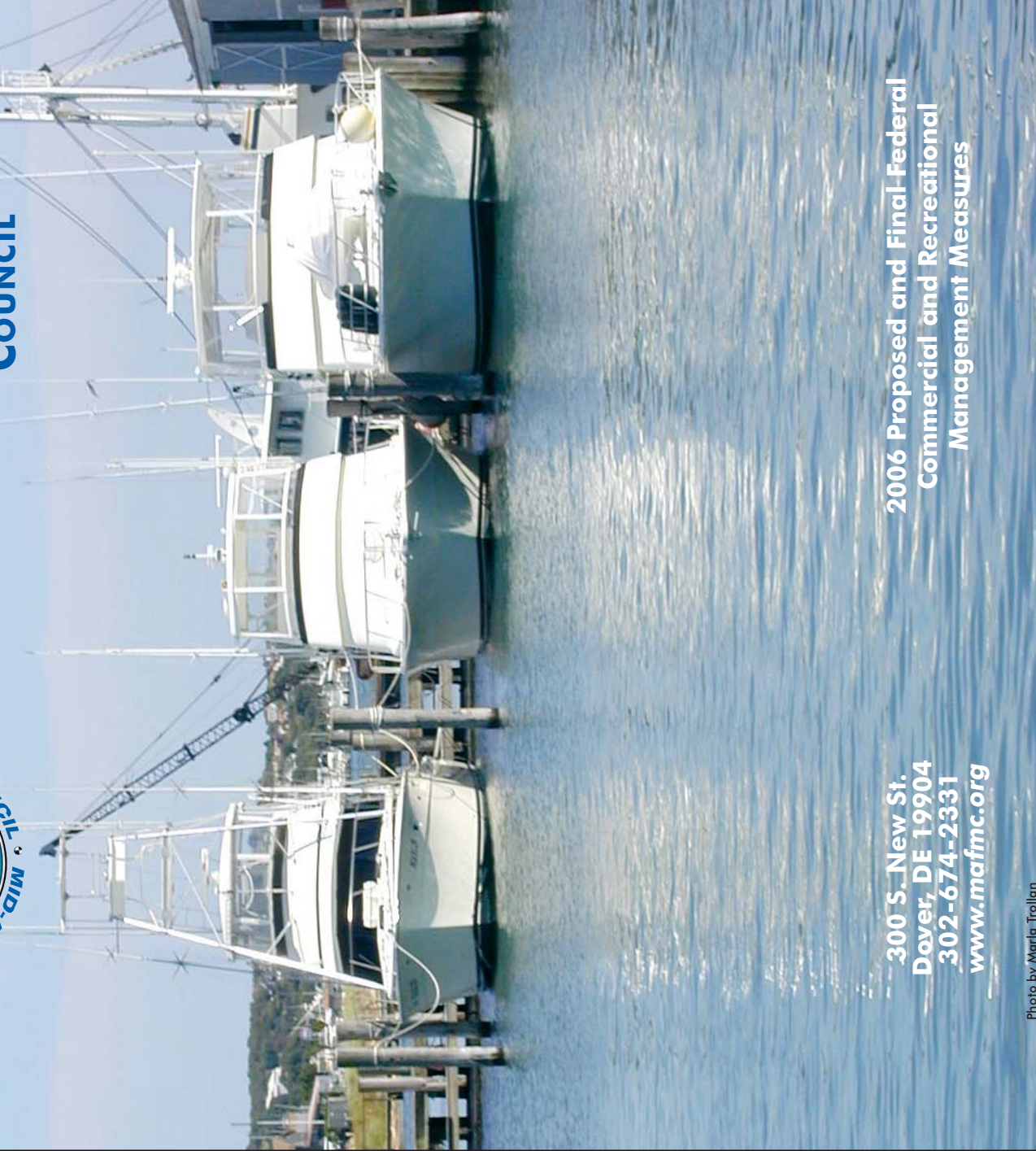
NOAA Fisheries Northeast Regional Office
978-281-9300
<http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/>

NOAA Fisheries National Website
<http://www.noaa.gov/fisheries.html>

NOAA Federal Fishing Violations Hotline
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SPECIES	FISHING YEAR	INITIAL QUOTA*	SIZE LIMIT	GEAR	RESEARCH SET-ASIDE	REMARKS
(F) Summer Flounder	January 1-December 31	14.15 million pounds	14"	5.5" minimum diamond mesh 6" minimum square mesh	355,762 pounds	State-by-state quotas.
(F) Scup	January 1-December 31	12.08 million pounds	9"	5.0" minimum diamond mesh Gear Restricted Areas: Northern GRA closed from Nov. 1-Dec. 31. Southern GRA closed from Jan. 1-March 15	184,690 pounds	TRIMESTER QUOTAS & TRIP LIMITS: Winter I: January-April - 30,000 pounds per trip reduced to 1,000 pounds when 80% of the quota is projected to be taken; Winter II: 2,000 pounds per trip.
(F) Black Sea Bass	January 1-December 31	3.92 million pounds	11"	4.5" minimum diamond mesh. Pots/Traps: circular vents (2.5"), square vents (2"), rectangular vents (1-3/8"x5-3/4). Two vents are required in the parlor portion of the pot/trap (January 1, 2007).	178,956 pounds	State-by-state quotas.
(F) Bluefish	January 1-December 31	8.081 million pounds	none	none	363,677 pounds	State-by-state quotas.
(P) Spiny Dogfish	May 1-April 30	2.0 million pounds (MAFMC recommendation)	none	none	none	QUOTA PERIODS & POSSESSION LIMITS: Quota Period I: May-Oct. 2006 - 1,158,000 pound quota, 600 pound possession limit. Quota Period II: Nov. 2006-Apr. 2007 - 842,000 pound quota, 600 pound possession limit.
(F) Long-finned Squid (Loligo)	January 1-December 31	Max OY - 26,000 mt (metric tons) ABC - 17,000 mt IOY, DAH, DAP - 16,872.5 mt (16,872.5 mt allocated to quarterly quotas)	none	1.875" minimum diamond mesh	127.5 mt	QUARTERLY QUOTAS: Quarter I: Jan.-Mar. - 5,607 mt (33.23%); Quarter II: Apr.-Jun. - 2,971 mt (17.61%); Quarter III: Jul.-Sep. - 2,919 mt (17.3%); Quarter IV: Oct.-Dec. - 5,375 mt (31.86%) 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. When 95% of the annual quota is taken, the directed fishery will be closed and a 2,500 pound trip limit will be in effect for the remainder of the fishing year.
(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 will be closed and a 10,000 pound trip limit will be imposed for the remainder of the fishing year. Non-moratorium vessels may retain up to 10,000 pounds per trip when the directed fishery is open.
(F) Atlantic Mackerel	January 1-December 31	ABC - 335,000 mt IOY - 115,000 mt DAH - 115,000 mt DAP - 100,000 mt JVP - 0 TALFF - 0	none	none	none	IOY may be increased during the year, but the total ABC will not exceed 335,000 mt.
(F) Butterfish	January 1-December 31	Max OY - 12,175 mt ABC - 4,545 mt IOY, DAH, DAP - 1,681 mt	none	3" minimum diamond mesh if in possession of 5,000 pounds or more of butterfish	none	
(F) Surfclams	January 1-December 31	3.40 million bushels	suspended	none	none	Individual Transferrable Quotas (ITQ)
(F) Ocean Quahog	January 1-December 31	5.333 million bushels	none	none	none	Individual Transferrable Quotas (ITQ); Maine Ocean Quahog Quota - 100,000 Maine 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