



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

2007 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 2007. Fishermen should also contact state agencies to obtain a complete copy of current state regulations.

SPECIES	FISHING SEASON	HARVEST LIMIT*	RESEARCH SET-ASIDE (RSA)*	SIZE LIMIT	BAG LIMIT
(F) Summer Flounder (Fluke)	state specific	6.69 million pounds	389,490 pounds	state specific	state specific
(P) Scup	Jan 1-Feb 28 and Sep 18-Nov 30	2.74 million pounds	360,000 pounds	10" total length state specific	50 fish state specific
(P) Black Sea Bass	January 1-December 31	2.47 million pounds	150,000 pounds	12" total length	25 fish
(F) Bluefish	January 1-December 31	18.82 million pounds	363,677 pounds	none	15 fish
(F) Atlantic Mackerel	January 1-December 31	15,000 metric tons	none	none	none

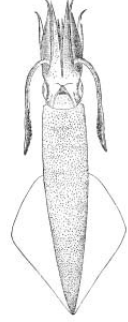
* Harvest Limits rounded and reduced to accommodate RSA awards.



BLUEFISH



SUMMER FLOUNDER



LOLIGO SQUID



TILEFISH



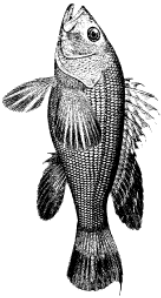
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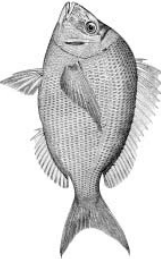
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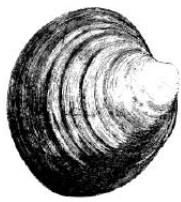
ILLEX SQUID



SCUP



BUTTERFISH



OCEAN QUAHOG

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NOAA Right Whale Northeast Sightings
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NOAA Fisheries Northeast Protected Resources
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NOAA Fisheries Northeast Regulations
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SPECIES	FISHING YEAR	INITIAL QUOTA*	SIZE LIMIT	GEAR	RESEARCH SET-ASIDE (RSA)*	REMARKS
(F) Summer Flounder	January 1-December 31	10.03 million pounds	14"	5.5" minimum diamond mesh; 6" minimum square mesh	389,490 pounds	State-by-state quotas.
(F) Scup	January 1-December 31	8.90 million pounds (Trimesters - see remarks)	9"	5.0" minimum diamond mesh; Gear Restricted Areas (GRA): Northern GRA closed from Nov 1 - Dec 31 Southern GRA closed from Jan 1 - Mar 15	360,000 pounds	TRIMESTER QUOTAS & POSSESSION LIMITS: Winter I: (Jan-Apr) 4.01 million pounds (45.11%); 30,000 pounds per trip possession limit reduced to 1,000 pounds when 80% of the commercial quota is projected to be taken. Summer: (May-Oct) 3.46 million pounds (38.95%). Winter II: (Nov-Dec) 1.42 million pounds (15.94%); 2,000 pounds per trip possession limit.
(F) Black Sea Bass	January 1-December 31	2.38 million pounds	11"	4.5" minimum diamond mesh; Pots/Traps: circular vents: 2.5", square vents: 2", rectangular vents: 1.375"x 5.75". Two vents required in parlor portion of pot/trap.	150,000 pounds	State-by-state quotas
(F) Bluefish	January 1-December 31	8.57 million pounds	none	none	363,677 pounds	State-by-state quotas
(F) Spiny Dogfish	May 1-April 30	4.00 million pounds	none	none	none	QUOTA PERIODS & POSSESSION LIMITS: Quota Period I: May 1 2007-Oct 31 2007 - 2.32 million pounds; 600 lb. possession limit. Quota Period II: Nov 1 2007-Apr 30 2008 - 1.68 million pounds; 600 lb. 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 - 16,490 mt (Trimesters - see remarks)	none	1.875" minimum diamond mesh	510 mt	TRIMESTER QUOTAS & POSSESSION LIMITS: Trimester I (Jan-Apr) 7,090.7 mt (43%); Trimester II (May-Aug) 2,803.3 mt (17%); Trimester III (Sep-Dec) 6,596.0 mt (40%). When 90% of the Trimester quota is taken in Trimesters I and II, the directed fishery closes. In Trimester III, the directed fishery closes when 95% of the annual quota is taken. Underages and overages from Trimesters I and II are applied to Trimester III. There is a 2,500 lb incidental catch limit per calendar day in effect at all times for incidental catch permits and also for directed permits when the directed fishery closes.
(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> closes when 95% of the DAH is taken (22,800 mt). There is a 10,000 lb incidental catch limit per calendar day in effect at all times for incidental catch permits and also for directed permits when the directed fishery closes.
(F) Atlantic Mackerel	January 1-December 31	ABC - 186,000 mt IOY - 115,000 mt DAH - 115,000 mt DAP - 100,000 mt	none	none	none	IOY may be increased during the year, but the total ABC will not exceed 186,000 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 lbs or more of butterfish	none	The directed fishery for Butterfish closes when 95% of the DAH is taken. There is a 2,500 lb incidental catch limit per calendar day in effect at all times for incidental catch permits and also for directed permits when the directed fishery closes.
(F) Surfclams	January 1-December 31	3.400 million bushels	suspended	none	none	Individual Transferable Quotas (ITQ)
(F) Ocean Quahog	January 1-December 31	5.333 million bushels	none	none	none	Individual Transferable 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 are rounded, not adjusted for prior year overages, and reduced to accommodate RSA awards.