



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

2011 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 2011. Fishermen should also contact state agencies to obtain a complete copy of current state regulations. Check final rules as published in the federal register.

SPECIES	FISHING SEASON	HARVEST LIMIT*	RESEARCH SET-ASIDE (RSA)	SIZE LIMIT	BAG LIMIT
(P) Summer Flounder (Fluke)	state specific	11.58 million pounds	521,441 pounds	state specific	state specific
(P) Scup	July 1 - September 26	4.31 million pounds	396,500 pounds	10.5" total length	10 fish
(P) Black Sea Bass	July 1 - October 1 and November 1 - December 31	1.78 million pounds	108,000 pounds	13" total length	25 fish
(P) Bluefish	January 1 - December 31	17.88 million pounds**	878,000 pounds	state specific	15 fish
(F) Atlantic Mackerel	January 1 - December 31	15,000 metric tons	none	none	none
(F) Tilefish	November 1 - October 31	none	none	none	8 fish per angler

* Harvest Limits rounded and reduced to accommodate RSA awards.

** Unadjusted recreational harvest limit.

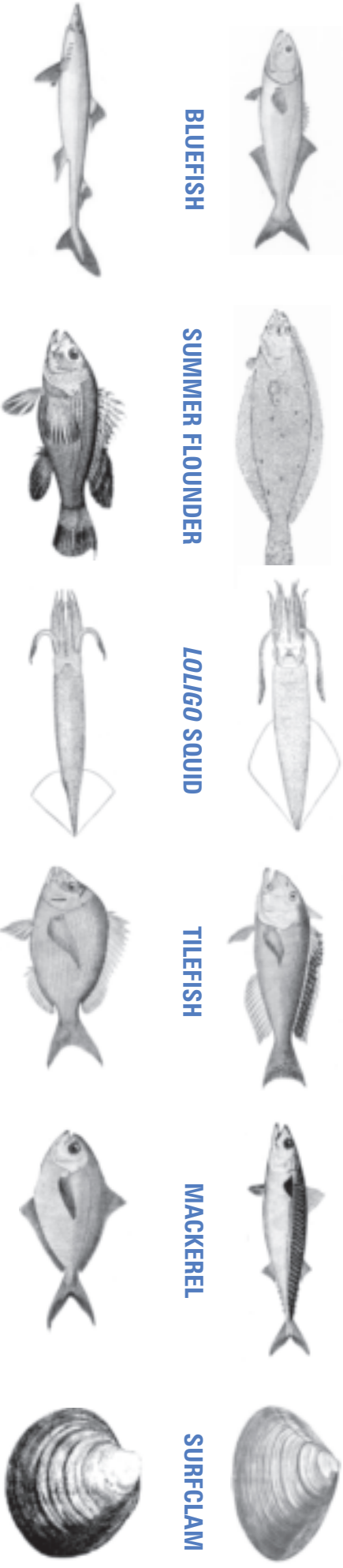


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NOAA Fisheries Northeast Protected Resources
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NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office
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NOAA Fisheries Southeast Permits Branch
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NOAA MMPA/Sea Turtle/ESA Stranding Network
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SPECIES	FISHING YEAR	INITIAL QUOTA*	SIZE LIMIT	GEAR	RESEARCH SET-ASIDE (RSA)	REMARKS
(F) Summer Flounder	January 1-December 31	17.38 million pounds	14"	5.5" minimum diamond mesh; 6" minimum square mesh.	521,441 pounds	State-by-state quotas
(F) Scup	January 1-December 31	15.60 million pounds (Trimesters - see remarks)	9"	5.0" minimum diamond mesh; Gear Restricted Areas (GRA): Northern GRA restrictions from Nov 1 - Dec 31. Southern GRA restrictions from Jan 1 - Mar 15.	396,500 pounds	TRIMESTER QUOTAS & POSSESSION LIMITS: Winter I: (Jan-Apr) 6.90 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) 5.96 million pounds (38.95%). Winter II: (Nov-Dec) 2.44 million pounds (15.94%); 2,000 pounds per trip possession limit. Possession limit will increase by 1,500 pounds for each 500,000 pounds unused Winter I period quota transferred to Winter II.
(F) Black Sea Bass	January 1-December 31	1.71 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.	108,000 pounds	State-by-state quotas
(P) Bluefish	January 1-December 31	9.41 million pounds**	none	none	878,000 pounds	State-by-state quotas
(P) Spiny Dogfish	May 1-April 30	20 million pounds	none	none	none	QUOTA PERIODS & POSSESSION LIMITS: Quota Period I: May 1 2011 - Sept 30 2011 - 6.95 million pounds (57.9%). Quota Period II: Oct 1 2011 - Apr 30 2012 - 5.05 million pounds (42.1%). Daily possession limit of 3,000 pounds.
(F) Long-finned Squid (Loligo)	January 1-December 31	Max OY - 32,000 mt (metric tons) ABC - 24,000 mt. IOY - 20,000 mt DAH, DAP - 19,906 mt (Trimesters - see remarks)	none	Trimesters I and III: 2.125" diamond mesh Trimester II: 1.875" diamond mesh 5" cod-end cover.	94 mt	TRIMESTER QUOTAS & POSSESSION LIMITS: Trimester I (Jan-Apr) 8,560 mt (43%); Trimester II (May-Aug) 3,384 mt (17%); Trimester III (Sep-Dec) 7,962 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. There is a daily 2,500 pound incidental catch limit in effect at all times for incidental catch permits and also for directed permits when the directed fishery closes. The new butterfish mortality cap on the Loligo fishery can also close the Loligo fishery in Trimesters I and III and is tracked at: http://www.nero.noaa.gov/ro/fso/reports/reports_frame.htm .
(F) Short-finned Squid (Illex)	January 1-December 31	Max OY - UNKNOWN, ABC - 24,000, IOY, DAH, DAP - 23,328 mt	none	none	none	The directed fishery for <i>Illex</i> closes when 95% of the DAH is taken. There is a daily 10,000 pound incidental catch limit 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 - 47,395 mt IOY - 46,779 mt DAH - 46,779 mt DAP - 31,779 mt	none	none	none	The directed fishery for mackerel closes when 90% of the DAH is projected to be taken. During a closure, there is a daily 20,000 pound incidental catch limit in effect if the directed fishery closes before June 1 and a daily 50,000 pound incidental catch limit in effect if the directed fishery closes on or after June 1.
(F) Butterfish	January 1-December 31	Max OY - UNKNOWN ABC - 1,500 mt IOY - 500 mt DAH, DAP - 495 mt	none	3" minimum diamond mesh if in possession of 1,000 pounds or more of butterfish.	5 mt	There is a daily 5,000 pound trip limit for moratorium permits and a 600 pound trip limit for incidental permits. The directed fishery for butterfish closes when 80% of the DAH is projected to be taken. If the directed fishery closes before October 1, moratorium and incidental permits will have a daily 250 pound trip limit. If the directed fishery closes on or after October 1, moratorium and incidental permits will have a daily 600 pound trip limit. (NOTE: The Council has requested emergency NOAA action to increase the ABC to 1,811 mt but NOAA has not yet responded to the request.)
(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	The TAL will first be reduced by 5% to adjust for the incidental catch. The remaining TAL will be allocated to vessels participating under the IFQ program.

* Initial quotas are rounded, not adjusted for prior year overages, and reduced to accommodate RSA awards.

**Unadjusted commercial quota.