

**Joint Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and
ASMFC Policy Board and ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass
Management Board**

February 1, 2021

Council and Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Management Board

Main Motion

Move to approve:

Modified option B – Increase CT to 3% and NY to 9%, with the change occurring over 2 years

Option C – DARA approach, with the following sub options:

- Sub-option C1-B: allocations based 50% on stock distribution and 50% on the initial allocations at the end of the transition phase
- Sub-option C2-A: 5% change in weights per adjustment
- Sub-option C3-A: annual adjustment to factor weights
- Modified allocation adjustment cap (C4-A): cap the change in regional allocations at a maximum of 5% per adjustment.

Regional configuration option G2 – NJ as separate region

Board: McNamee/Hasbrouck

Council: DiLernia/Davidson

Motion to Substitute

Move to substitute to address black sea bass commercial state allocations by approving Option B -Increase Connecticut quota to 3%; Option D - Trigger approach, with a trigger of 4 M lbs. (a trigger value between sub-options D1-A and D1-B); Sub-option D2-B - Distribution of surplus quota based on regional biomass from stock assessment; Sub-option D3-B - Proportional distribution of regional surplus quota; Sub-option D4-A - Static base allocations; Option G - Regional configuration options; and Sub-option G2 - Establishing three regions with New Jersey as a separate region.

Board: Clark/Bolen

Council: Bolen/Cimino

Motion to Amend Substitute Motion

Move to amend the substitute motion option b: “increase Connecticut's base allocation to 3% and New York’s base allocation to 9%.”

Board: Borden/Davis (5/6/1/0)

Council: Farnham/DiLernia

Motion fails for lack of Board majority

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Regional configuration option G2 – NJ as separate region

Board: (6/6/0/0)

Council:

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Main Motion

Move to adopt the following options for black sea bass commercial allocations:

- Modified alternative B: Increase CT's base allocation to 3% and NY's base allocation to 9%.
- Alternative F: Percentage of coastwide quota distributed based on initial allocations:
 - Sub-alternative F1-B: 75% of the coastwide quota allocated using the initial allocations.
 - Sub-alternative F2-B: Remaining quota (25%) allocated based on regional biomass from the stock assessment.
 - Sub-alternative F3-B: Proportional distribution of regional quota.
- Sub-alternative G2: Establish three regions: 1) ME-NY; 2) NJ; and 3) DE-NC.

Board: Meserve/Davis

Council: Davidson/Farnham

Motion to Amend

Move to amend to modify alternative B to remove “and NY's base allocation to 9%” and add at the end of the motion “to review the state by state allocations in not more than 5 years.”

Board: Batsavage/Clark (6/5/1/0)

Council: Batsavage/Cimino (14/5/1)

Motion to amend carries

Main Motion as Amended

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Review the state by state allocations in not more than 5 years.

Board: (10/2/0/0)

Council: (13/7/0)

Motion carries

Board Only

Move to approve Addendum XXXIII, as modified today, with an implementation date of January 1, 2022.

Board: Meserve/Davis (11/0/1/0)

Motion carries

Council Only

Move to submit the Black Sea Bass Commercial State Allocation Amendment, with identification of the preferred alternatives, to NMFS.

Council: Defur/Cimino (13/2/3)

Motion carries