

# A Brief Overview of State Trawl Survey Programs

*Rhode Island to North Carolina*

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# Rhode Island Division of Fish & Wildlife *Coastal Trawl Survey*



# RI DFW Coastal Trawl Survey

*Consists of a Seasonal Survey in BIS & RIS and a Monthly Survey in Narragansett Bay*

- Initiated: 1979 BIS & RIS; 1990 Narragansett Bay
- Location: State Waters of BIS & RIS & Narragansett Bay
- Timing: Spring & Fall for Sounds; Monthly for Narragansett Bay
- Sampling Intensity: 44 Fixed Sites in Sounds; 13/26 Sites in Narr. Bay, Combination Fixed & Stratified Random Design
- Trawl: 210 x 12 cm, 2-bridle, 2-seam Bottom Trawl, 6.4 mm Liner
- Tow Time: 20 Minutes

# Stock Assessment Usage

<b>Species</b>	<b>RI</b>
<b>American Lobster</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Bluefish</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Horseshoe Crab</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Scup</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Summer Flounder</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Tautog</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Winter Flounder</b>	<b>X</b>

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Connecticut

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*Long Island Sound Trawl Survey*



# CT DEEP Long Island Sound Trawl Survey

## *Spring & Fall Survey of Long Island Sound*

- Initiated: 1984
- Location: Long Island Sound (NY & CT) – New London to Greenwich
- Timing: April, May, & June (Spring); September & October (Fall)
- Sampling Intensity: 40 Sites Per Month, Stratified Random Design
- Trawl: 14.0 m (Headline Length) Bottom Trawl, 5.1 cm Codend
- Tow Time: 30 Minutes

# Stock Assessment Usage

Species	RI	CT
American Lobster	X	X
American Shad		X
Atlantic Menhaden		X
Atlantic Sturgeon		X
Black Sea Bass		X
Bluefish	X	X
Butterfish		X
Horseshoe Crab	X	X
Longfin Squid		X
River Herring		X
Scup	X	X
Striped Bass		X
Summer Flounder	X	X
Tautog	X	X
Weakfish		X
Winter Flounder	X	X

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*Ocean Trawl Survey*





# NJ DFW Ocean Trawl Survey

## *Year-Round Survey of NJ Coastal Ocean*

- Initiated: 1988
- Location: New Jersey Coast – NY Harbor to DE Bay; Inshore of 28 m
- Timing: January, April, June, August, & October
- Sampling Intensity: ~40 Sites Per Cruise; Stratified Random Design
- Trawl: 25 m (Headline Length), 2-seam, 2-bridle Bottom Trawl; 12 cm & 8 cm Webbing in Body, 6.4 mm Liner in Codend
- Tow Time: 20 Minutes

# Stock Assessment Usage

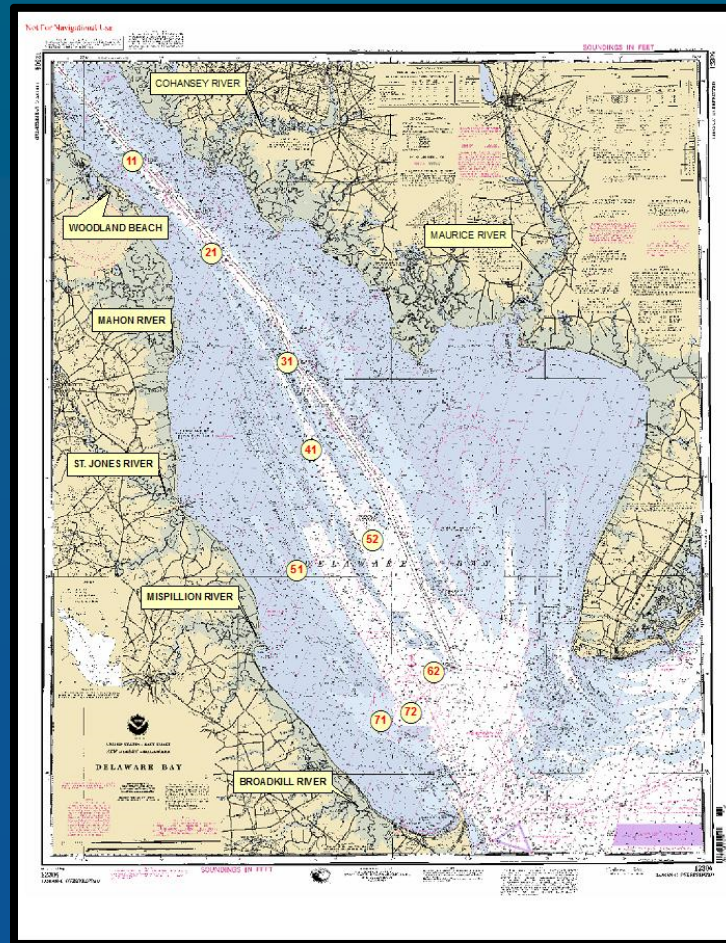
Species	RI	CT	NJ
American Lobster	X	X	
American Shad		X	X
Atlantic Menhaden		X	X
Atlantic Sturgeon		X	X
Black Sea Bass		X	X
Bluefish	X	X	X
Butterfish		X	
Horseshoe Crab	X	X	X
Longfin Squid		X	
River Herring		X	X
Scup	X	X	
Striped Bass		X	X
Summer Flounder	X	X	X
Tautog	X	X	X
Weakfish		X	X
Winter Flounder	X	X	X

# Delaware



## Division of Fish & Wildlife

# *Adult & Juvenile Trawl Surveys*



# DE DFW Adult Trawl Survey

## *Seasonal Survey of the Mainstem Delaware Bay*

- Initiated: 1966-1971, 1979-1984, 1990 - present
- Location: Delaware Portion of Delaware Bay
- Timing: Monthly, March - December
- Sampling Intensity: 9 Sites Per Cruise; Fixed Site Design
- Trawl: 9.3 m (Headline Length), 7.6 cm in the Wings & Body, 5.1 cm in Codend

# DE DFW Juvenile Trawl Survey

## *Seasonal Survey of Delaware's Bays & Major Rivers*

- Initiated: 1980
- Location: Delaware Portion of Delaware Bay, Rehoboth Bay, & Delaware & Indian Rivers
- Timing: Monthly, April - October
- Sampling Intensity: 49 Sites Per Cruise; Fixed Site Design
- Trawl: 5.2 m (Headline Length), 3.8 cm in the Wings & Body, 1.3 cm in Codend

# Stock Assessment Usage

Species	RI	CT	NJ	DE
American Eel				X
American Lobster	X	X		
American Shad		X	X	X
Atlantic Croaker				X
Atlantic Menhaden		X	X	X
Atlantic Sturgeon		X	X	
Black Drum				X
Black Sea Bass		X	X	X
Blue Crab				X
Bluefish	X	X	X	X
Butterfish		X		
Horseshoe Crab	X	X	X	X
Longfin Squid		X		
River Herring		X	X	X
Scup	X	X		
Spot				X
Striped Bass		X	X	X
Summer Flounder	X	X	X	X
Tautog	X	X	X	
Weakfish		X	X	X
Winter Flounder	X	X	X	

# Virginia

## Virginia Institute of Marine Science *Juvenile Fish & Blue Crab Trawl Survey*



# VIMS Juvenile Trawl Survey

## *Year-Round Survey of VA Mainstem Bay & Rivers*

- Initiated: 1955
- Location: Virginia Mainstem Bay; Lower 64 km of James, York, Rapp.
- Timing: Monthly
- Sampling Intensity: ~100 Sites/Month; Stratified Random & Fixed Design
- Trawl: 200 x 6 cm (Fishing Circle), 4-seam, 2-bridle Bottom Trawl; ¼ Size of NEAMAP & NEFSC Trawls, 6.4 mm Liner in Codend
- Tow Time: 5 Minutes



# Stock Assessment Usage

Species	RI	CT	NJ	DE	VA (juv)
American Eel				X	X
American Lobster	X	X			
American Shad		X	X	X	
Atlantic Croaker				X	X
Atlantic Menhaden		X	X	X	X
Atlantic Sturgeon		X	X		X
Black Drum				X	
Black Sea Bass		X	X	X	
Blue Crab				X	X
Bluefish	X	X	X	X	
Butterfish		X			
Horseshoe Crab	X	X	X	X	
Longfin Squid		X			
River Herring		X	X	X	
Scup	X	X			
Spot				X	
Striped Bass		X	X	X	
Summer Flounder	X	X	X	X	X
Tautog	X	X	X		
Weakfish		X	X	X	X
Winter Flounder	X	X	X		

# Virginia

## Virginia Institute of Marine Science *ChesMMAP Trawl Survey*



# VIMS ChesMMAP Trawl Survey

## *Seasonal Survey of Chesapeake Bay Mainstem*

- Initiated: 2002
- Location: Mainstem of Chesapeake Bay; Pooles Island to Virginian Capes
- Timing: March, May, July, September, November
- Sampling Intensity: 80 Sites/Cruise; Stratified Random Design
- Trawl: 13.7 m (Headline Length), 4-seam, 2-bridle Bottom Trawl; 15.3 cm Mesh in Wings & Body, 7.6 cm Mesh in Codend
- Tow Time: 20 Minutes

# Stock Assessment Usage

Species	RI	CT	NJ	DE	VA (juv)	VA (adult)
American Eel				X	X	
American Lobster	X	X				
American Shad		X	X	X		
Atlantic Croaker				X	X	
Atlantic Menhaden		X	X	X	X	X
Atlantic Sturgeon		X	X		X	X
Black Drum				X		
Black Sea Bass		X	X	X		X
Blue Crab				X	X	
Bluefish	X	X	X	X		X
Butterfish		X				
Horseshoe Crab	X	X	X	X		
Longfin Squid		X				
River Herring		X	X	X		
Scup	X	X				X
Spot				X		
Striped Bass		X	X	X		
Summer Flounder	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tautog	X	X	X			
Weakfish		X	X	X	X	X
Winter Flounder	X	X	X			

# Stock Assessment Usage

Species	RI	CT	NJ	DE	VA (juv)	VA (adult)	Tally
American Eel				X	X		2
American Lobster	X	X					2
American Shad		X	X	X			3
Atlantic Croaker				X	X		2
Atlantic Menhaden		X	X	X	X	X	5
Atlantic Sturgeon		X	X		X	X	4
Black Drum				X			1
Black Sea Bass		X	X	X		X	4
Blue Crab				X	X		2
Bluefish	X	X	X	X		X	5
Butterfish		X					1
Horseshoe Crab	X	X	X	X			4
Longfin Squid		X					1
River Herring		X	X	X			3
Scup	X	X				X	3
Spot				X			1
Striped Bass		X	X	X			3
Summer Flounder	X	X	X	X	X	X	6
Tautog	X	X	X				3
Weakfish		X	X	X	X	X	5
Winter Flounder	X	X	X				3