October 2017 Late Public Comments

Submitted On	Name	Topic	Comments	Email Address
10/06/2017 11:23:17	James Peterson	2018 Recreational Black Sea Bass Wave 1 Fishery	As an owner of two party boats that fish primarily out of port Jefferson ny, and winters out of Atlantic City NJ, I personally cannot support an initiative to open winter sea bass again until we have decent summer and fall sea bass regs in all states. If part of the yearly tac comes out of the winter fishery, one that very few boats participate in, I cannot support it even though it's a fishery I would participate in. Here in ny the sea bass regs are comical and makes it basically a by catch fishery instead of a very viable fishery that should have liberalized regs. It will only benefit a few operators and will hurt the smaller operations and recreational anglers, imo. Thank you for your time, James peterson Osprey fishing Port Jefferson ny Atlantic City NJ 516-380-8163 Sent	ospreyv@icloud.com
10/06/2017 12:00:17	Steve EC Newellman	2018 Recreational Black Sea Bass Wave 1 Fishery	Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council October 6, 2017 800 North State Street, Suite 201 Dover, DE 19901 Subjest: Recreatiopna Wave 1 Black Sea Bass Opening for Feb. 2018 Dr. Chris Moore and Council Members,, It has come to our attention that the MAFMC will be considering a potential February 2018 opening of the recreational Wave 1 fishery in 2018 at the upcoming October 11th meeting. As in the past on providing greater access and the ability for the recreational fishermen to harvest Black Sea Bass, 'WE SUPPORT' this measure being passed by the Council.	mb1143f@gmail.com

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			At this time as both fishery scientist and those who regulate the species within their purview, by opening the month of February for fishing will provide not only a new, but the most current data on angler fishing effort, actual catch and the number of trips that would be made during this time period.	
			The Wave 1 – BSB fishery was a traditional winter fishery for a number of decades until it was closed, and in re-opening this fishery during February, the most important metric on what is caught by a recreational fishermen can now move from the realm of manipulated theoretical models to quantifiable actual data that can be used as a baseline by the Council for management measures in providing future access to the BSB fishery during Wave 1.	
			The BROOKLYN VI fishing operation has been home ported out of Sheepshead Bay in NYC for over four and a half decades. It still remains as a family owned and operated, year around full time sailing party boat business that provides safe and professional service to all recreational fishermen. The operators of the BROOKLYN VI will also allow and fully cooperate with fishery scientist along with both state and federal data collectors on any data requested as well as to examine the catch from any trip.	
			Thank you for consideration in supporting the re-opening of Wave 1 – BSB in February 2018.	
			Captain Michael Ardolino brooklynvifishing@hotmail.com	
			Steve EC Newellman help@fishingunited.com	
10/08/2017 17:00:58	John Sonday	2018 Recreational Black Sea Bass Wave 1 Fishery	I am a long time NJ party boat fisherman and avid saltwater fisherman who enjoys the winter fishing season more than summer . I would hope that the council would consider a winter Black Sea bass season in 2018 since this is the only fishery available this time of year since the demise of the NJ cod fishery . Hoping to hear some good news on this topic soon . Thanks	Snday55@yahoo.com
10/09/2017 9:14:43	Chester Jastremski	2018 Recreational	Hello Dr. Moore, I have fished on New Jersey charter and head boats for many years	Stalkerfishingcharters@yahoo.com

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		Black Sea Bass Wave 1 Fishery	and previously enjoyed winter sea bass fishing trips. I hope the Council will follow through with the recommendation for a February 2018 season. As an avid fisherman, Captain and charter business owner, there is not much else to fish for at that time of year. Please give us the opportunity to do that once again. Thanks for the possible chance to do so! Sincerely Captain Skip Jastremski	
10/10/2017 10:27:08	Javier Santiago	2018 Recreational Black Sea Bass Wave 1 Fishery	I have fished on New Jersey boats for many years and previously enjoyed winter sea bass fishing trips. I hope the Council will follow through with the recommendation for a February 2018 season. As an avid fisherman, there is not much else to fish for at that time of year. Please give us the opportunity to do that once again. Sincerely, Jay Santiago	nenejav35@comcast.net
10/10/2017 16:29:54	Chris Galletta	2018 Recreational Black Sea Bass Wave 1 Fishery	Hello Dr. Moore, I have fished on New Jersey and New York boats for many years and previously enjoyed winter sea bass fishing trips. I hope the Council will follow through with the recommendation for a February 2018 season. As an avid fisherman, there is not much else to fish for at that time of year. Please give us the opportunity to do that once again. Thank you very much for your consideration. Regards, Chris	christopher.galletta@gmail.com