

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

August 8-11, 2022
Philadelphia, PA

MOTIONS

Monday, August 8, 2022

Bluefish 2023 Specifications

Move to revise the 2023 recreational harvest limit to 14.11 million pounds for bluefish to account for the pound for pound payback needed from the 2021 recreational ACL overage of 5.59 million pounds and updated discards.

Council: Duval/Wilke (motion carries by consent)
Board: Maniscalco/Meserve (motion carries by consent)
Motion carries

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Summer Flounder 2023 Specifications

Move to revise the 2023 specifications for summer flounder, such that the recreational ACL=ACT=14.90 million pounds and the RHL=10.62 million pounds. In addition, the commercial ACL=ACT=18.21 million pounds and the commercial quota= 15.27 million pounds.

Council: Cimino/Duval (motion carries by consent)
Board: Cimino/Hasbrouck (motion carries by consent)
Motion carries

Scup 2023 Specifications

Move to revise the 2023 specification for scup, such that the commercial ACL=ACT= 19.29 million pounds and the commercial quota=14.01 million pounds. The Recreational ACL=ACT=10.39 million pounds and the RHL=9.27 million pounds.

Council: Cimino/Geer (motion carries by consent)
Board: Cimino/Meserve (motion carries by consent with one abstention by PRFC)
Motion carries

Black Sea Bass 2023 Specifications

Move to revise the 2023 black sea bass specifications, such that the recreational ACL=ACT=9.16 million pounds and the RHL=6.57 million pounds. The commercial ACL=ACT=7.50 million pounds and the commercial quota= 4.80 million pounds.

Council: Nowalsky/Cimino (16/2/1)
Board: Meserve/Cimino (10/1/0/1)
Motion carries

Move to modify the February black sea bass recreational opening process to specify that vessels landing black sea bass in a state with an approved Wave 1 recreational fishery are subject to the state regulations during that Wave 1 fishery.

Council: Geer/Feller (motion passes by consent with one abstention by NMFS)
Board: Geer/Fote (motion passes by consent with one abstention by NMFS)
Motion carries

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Butterfish 2023 Specifications

I move that the Council recommend the specifications in the following table for butterfish for 2023/2024:

Hughes/Farnham
Motion carries by consent

	Specification	2023	2024	Rationale Summary
	OFL	17,631	16,096	from projections
a	ABC	17,267	15,764	from SSC, scientific uncertainty
b	ACT Buffer %	5%	5%	for management uncertainty
c	ACT Buffer	863	788	a times b
d	ACT (a-c)	16,404	14,976	a-c
e	Butterfish Cap (longfin discards)	3,884	3,884	set by Council
f	Assumed other discards	1,248	1,248	2013-2021 average plus 1 SD
g	Total discard set-aside	5,132	5,132	e+f
h	Landings or "Domestic Annual Harvest" (DAH)	11,271	9,844	d-g
i	Close primary directed at this amount, i.e. with 1,000 mt left; go to 5,000 pound trip limit	10,271	8,844	h-1000

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I move that for the 2023 *///lex* specifications, ABC= 40,000 MT, IOY=DAH=DAP=38,156 MT.

Hughes/Duval
Motion carries by consent