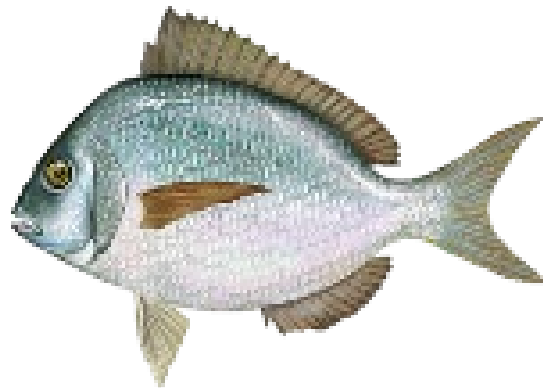


# 2023 Scup Recreational Measures



April 5, 2023

# Presentation Overview



- Background
- Proposed State measures
- Board Request to NOAA

# Background



- December 2022 Joint Board/Council
  - Scup needed a 10% reduction in expected harvest
  - Reduced the scup federal possession limit to 40 fish and shortened the season to May 1-Dec 31

# Background



- TC used the Recreational Demand Model to evaluate state measures
- The collective state proposed measures as approved by the Board would achieve the reduction



# **Proposed 2023 Scup Rec Measures**

**A few states are still in the process of finalizing measures**



<b>STATE</b>	<b>Size Limit</b>	<b>Possession Limit</b>	<b>Open Season</b>
<b>MA Private</b>	10.5"	30	May 1-Dec 31
<b>MA Shore</b>	9.5"	30	May 1-Dec 31
<b>MA For-Hire</b>	10.5"	40	May 1-Jun 30
		30	July 1-Dec 31
<b>RI Private</b>	10.5"	30	May 1-Dec31
<b>RI Shore</b>	9.5"		
<b>RI For-Hire</b>	10.5"	30	May 1-Aug 31; Nov 1-Dec 31
		40	Sept 1-Oct 31
<b>CT Private</b>	10.5"	30	May 1-Dec 31
<b>CT Shore</b>	9.5"		
<b>CT (Auth For-hire monitoring prog vessels)</b>	10.5"	30	May 1-Aug 31; Nov 1-Dec31
		40	Sept 1-Oct 31
<b>NY Private</b>	10.5"	30	May 1-Dec 31
<b>NY Shore</b>	9.5"		
<b>NY For-hire</b>	10.5"	30	May 1-Aug31; Nov 1-Dec 31
		40	Sept 1-Oct 31



STATE	Size Limit	Possession Limit	Open Season
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	10''	30	August 1- December 31
<b>DELAWARE</b>	9''	40	January 1- December 31
<b>MARYLAND</b>		30	
<b>VIRGINIA</b>		40	
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b> North of Cape Hatteras (N of 35° 15'N)			

# Board Recommendation



- Some states wanted the opportunity to explore a wave 1 or 2 fishery in 2024
- Because the state measures collectively met the coastwide reduction:
  - The Board Requested NOAA Fisheries to reconsider the federal measures closed season from Jan – April 30 (6-y, 3-n, 2-abs)



# Questions?



# December Joint Meeting B/C Motions - Scup



Move to adopt a 10% harvest reduction for 2023 scup recreational management and adopt a 10-inch minimum size limit, 40 fish possession limit, and May 1-December 31 open season for 2023 recreational scup measures in federal waters, with the states to further modify state measures through the Commission process to achieve a 10% coastwide harvest reduction.