

# Fishing & Boating Services



## Coastal Commercial Fisheries Forum

October 21, 2016



# Meeting Agenda

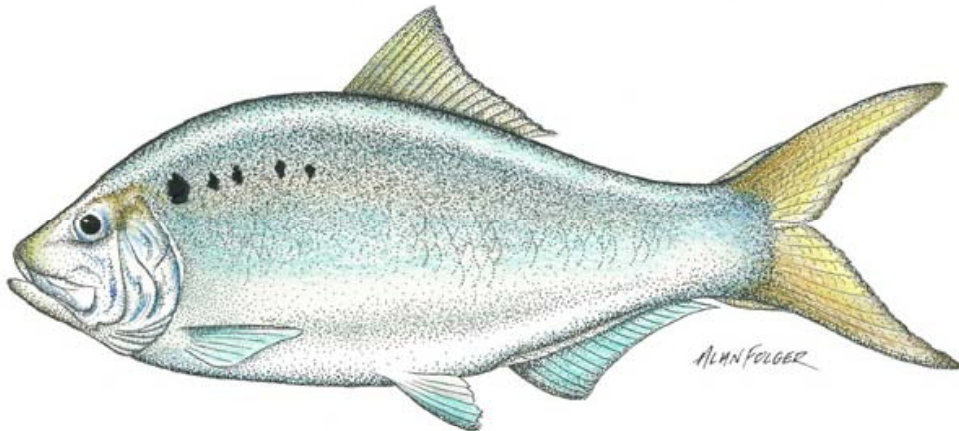


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# Species Updates

## Menhaden



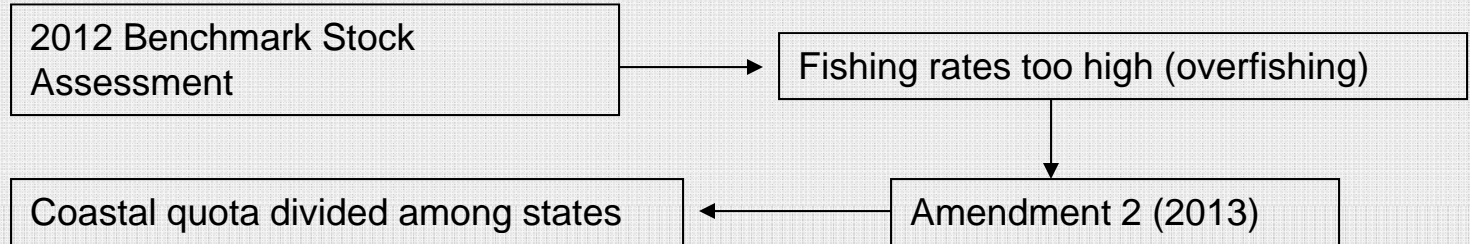
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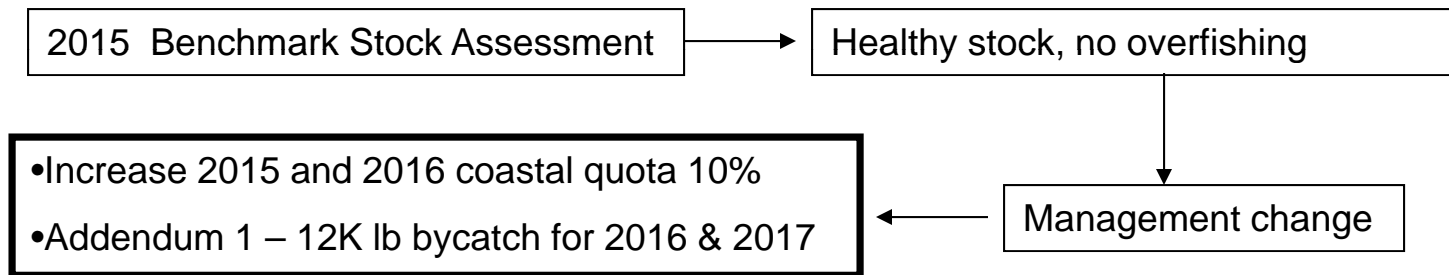
What's next....

# Menhaden Management – The Big, Complicated Picture

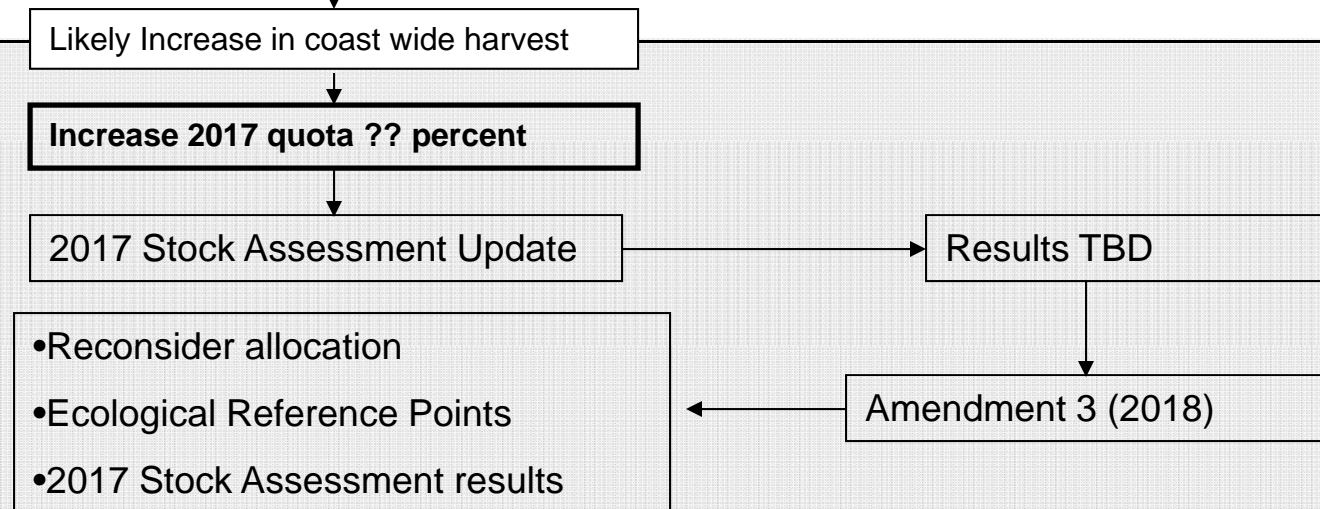
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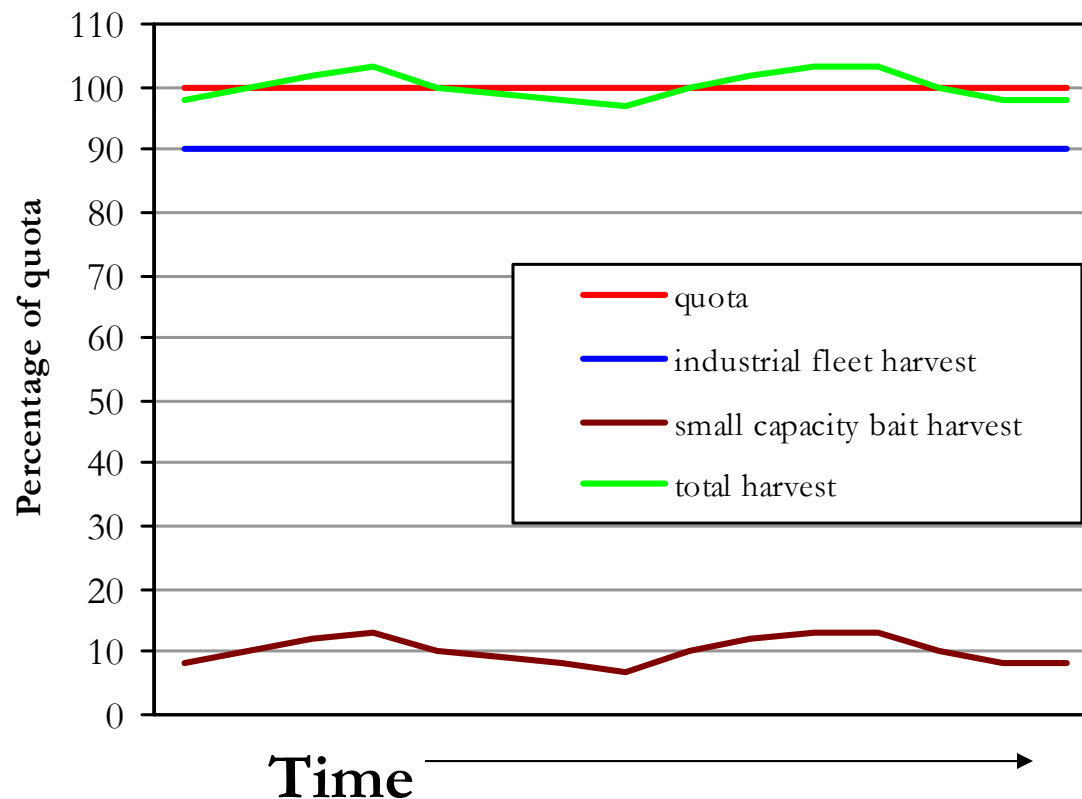


# Species Updates

## Menhaden



### Current Department-supported option: 2 category: large and small capacity fleets



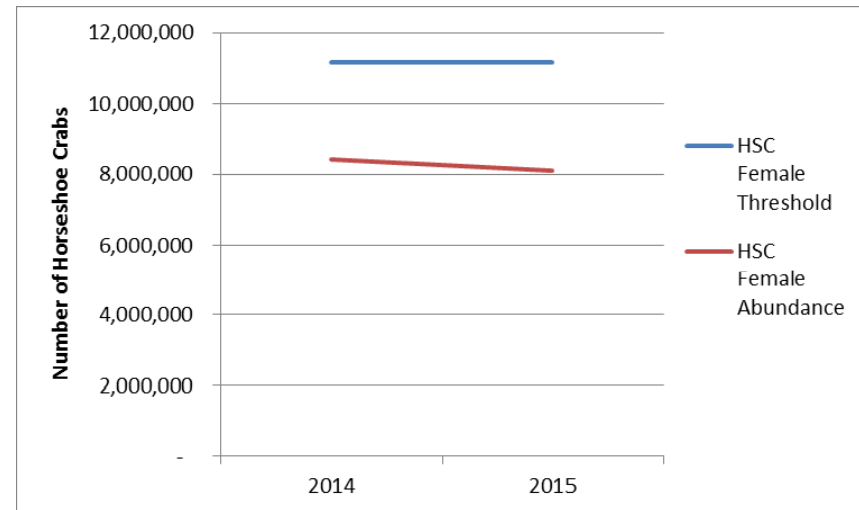
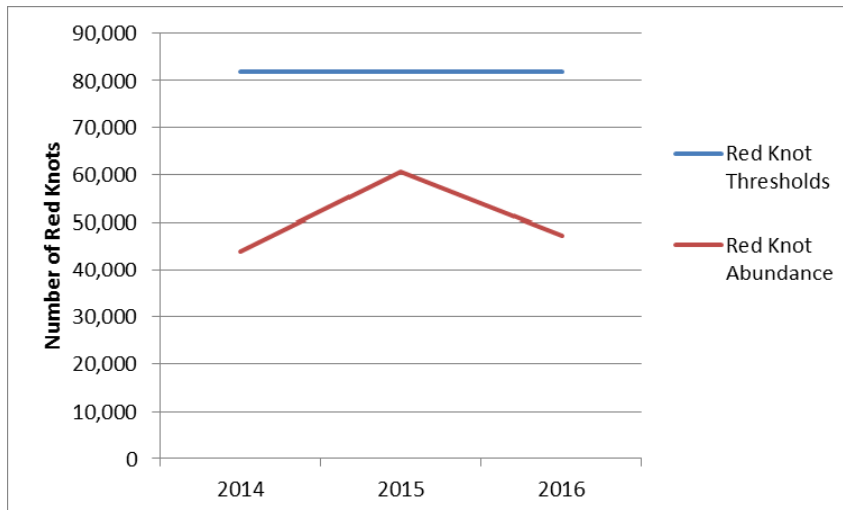
Small capacity fleet option would put all non-purse seine and pair trawl gears on a coast-wide soft quota.

Close monitoring still necessary, but flexibility allowed.

Triggers would be set so that if the coast wide quota gets too high over too many years action could be taken (e.g. set trip limits or return to state by state for small capacity fleets).



# Species Updates Horseshoe Crabs



Red Knot Photo Courtesy of USFWS

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/usfwsnortheast/4035270308/in/pool-redknot/>

# Species Updates Summer Flounder

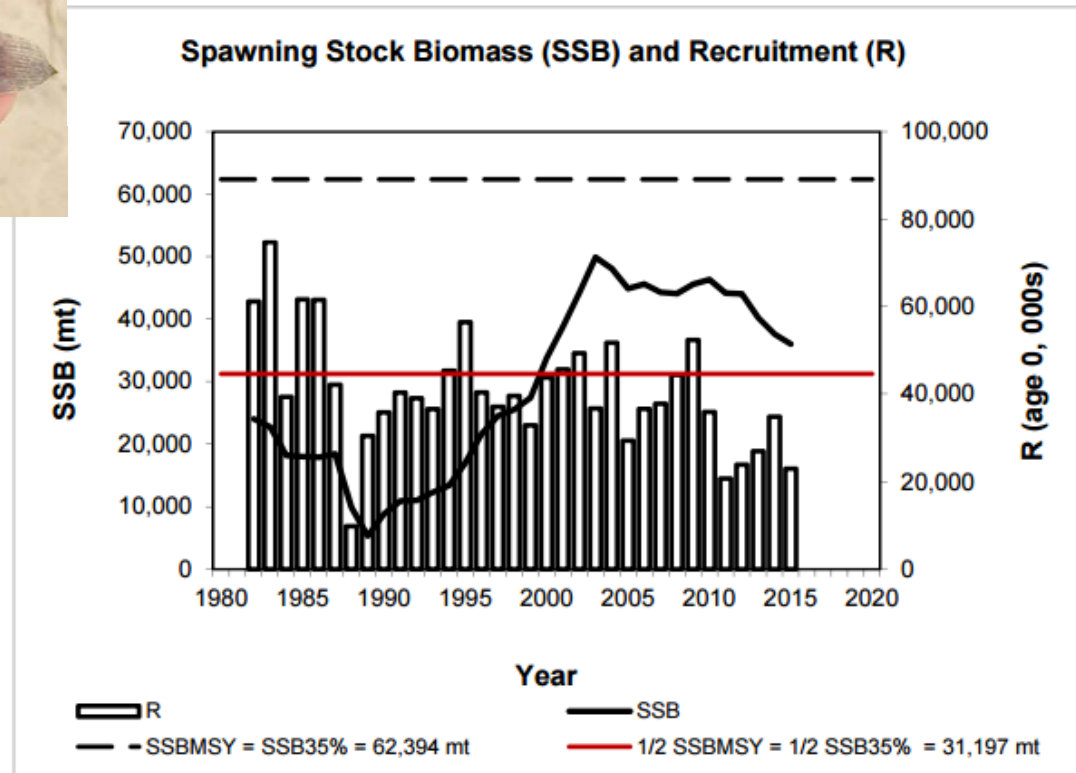


Figure 4. Summer flounder spawning stock biomass (SSB; solid line) and recruitment at age 0 (R; vertical bars) by calendar year. The horizontal dashed line is the 2013 SAW 57 biomass target reference point proxy; the horizontal red line is the biomass threshold reference point proxy.

# Spiny Dogfish Fishery



## Parameters: Fisheries Services' Management Principles

- Sustainability
  - Provides for long-term availability of the fisheries resource
- Accountability
  - Harvest reporting/accounting is transparent
- Cost Recovery
  - The cost of managing the fishery (permits, quota monitoring, etc) is covered by the industry – the state does not incur any additional cost
- Enforceability
  - The laws and regulations do not require additional manpower, and compliance is easily verified



# Spiny Dogfish Fishery



## **Spiny Dogfish Workgroup Objective:**

Recommend regulations to the Department that meet their principles and meet the industry's goals.

## **Spiny Dogfish Workgroup Goals:**

- provide a sustained winter fishery from November – April
- no ITQs
- protect local, active fishermen
- maintain flexibility

Future discussions may bring up other goals that were not part of previous discussion.

# Spiny Dogfish Fishery



- Scoping regulations to change the rolling 3 year/15,000 lb qualification to a 1 time event
- Change the declaration eligibility requirement from failing to declare for 2 years to annual
- We have also been asked to consider holding off on issuing permits that were relinquished to the Department.



# Topics From You



- Aquaculture
- Clamming

# FYI - Department



- Public comments on items in this MD DNR scoping session are likely due mid-November.
- Spiny dogfish permit application period ends November 11, 2016. Applications available on the Department's website at <http://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/fisheries-forms.aspx>.

# FYI - Federal



- NMFS announced a proposed rule to adjust Individual Bluefin Tuna Quota (IBQ) program regulations for distribution of inseason quota transfers. Public Comment Deadline is October 26, 2016.
- NOAA Fisheries announced a proposed rule to designate a deep-sea coral protection area in the Mid-Atlantic. Public Comment Deadline is November 1, 2016.
- NOAA Fisheries, the New England Fishery Management Council and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, will be holding public meetings to solicit comments on the Draft Industry-Funded Monitoring (IFM) Omnibus Amendment. Public Comment Deadline is November 7, 2016.
- NOAA Fisheries announces Notices and Public Comment Period for Jonah Crab Fishery. Public Comment Deadline is November 14, 2016.
- NOAA Fisheries announces the availability of Draft Amendment 5b to the 2006 Consolidated Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan. Public Comment Deadline is December 22, 2016.



# FYI - Stay Informed



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- **MD DNR Fishing and Boating Services**  
<http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/default.aspx>
  - Coastal Commercial Fisheries Emails – [angel.willey@maryland.gov](mailto:angel.willey@maryland.gov)
  - Fisheries Service Email List - <http://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/email-contact.aspx>
- **Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC)**  
<http://www.asmfc.org>
- **Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (MAFMC)**
  - Email List - <http://www.mafmc.org/email-list>
- **NOAA**
  - FishNews Emails - <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>
  - Atlantic HMS News Emails - <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>
  - Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) – Emails & Text Messages  
<https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/>
  - Southeast Regional Office (SERO)
    - Fishery Bulletin- <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/>
- **South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (SAFMC)**
  - Email List - <http://www.safmc.net/>

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