

Fisheries Regulatory Scoping January 2014

Please review the following possible regulatory changes. DNR is looking for your advice on how to proceed with scoping (i.e. open houses, web feedback only, etc.).

Striped Bass

The proposed idea would modify the two year declaration period to a three year declaration period in order to allow an additional year before an individual would need to re-declare. An additional proposed idea would seek to formalize the ITQ fishery in the Atlantic Ocean by mirroring the business flexibilities and restrictions currently in the Bay ITQ fishery.

Current Scoping Idea(s): The idea would be scoped on the Department's website and at a meeting with Atlantic striped bass permittees.

Menhaden —

The proposed idea would create some business flexibility by allowing one of two options: 1) transferability of a menhaden bycatch permit or 2) an assigned operator on a bycatch permit. In 2013, bycatch permits were non-transferable and the harvester owning the permit was required to be on board the vessel. The Department is seeking a means to provide limited flexibility for the use of these permits by pound netters in 2014.

Current Scoping Idea(s): The idea would be scoped on the Department's website.

Regulations Being Developed —Ideas Scoped in 2013

Charter Crabs

Commercial License targets

Restitution

Aquaculture harvester permit restrictions

Permit Declaration standardization (BSB, SF, YP, etc – this also includes a YP line fix)