



SFAC/TFAC Meetings July 2014



#### **2014 FMP Review Schedule**

Species	Draft Review Date	Request for Allocation Materials – due date
Oysters	TBD	
Striped Bass	√ January 2014	Closed April 1, 2013
Brook Trout	√ April 29 2014	Closed November 1,2013
Blue Crab	Rescheduled TBD	
Summer Flounder	July 22, 2014	May 30, 2014
Mackerel	July 22, 2014	May 30, 2014
Croaker/Spot	October 14, 2014	August 15, 2014
American Eel	On hold	August 30, 2014



#### **CBP Summer Flounder FMP**

- Chesapeake Bay Plan (1991) / Amendment 1 (1998)
- Reviewed (1992, 1994, 1995, 2000, 2001, 2005, 2014)
- Updated annually (2007 present)
- Management Framework
  - Control F & protect spawning stock
  - Collect data for coastal stock assessment
  - Improve water quality & protect habitat
  - Follow the guidelines of MAFMC/ASMFC





### **Summer Flounder Coastal Management**

- Managed jointly by MAFMC/ASMFC
- Stock declared rebuilt (2010)
- Coastal Stock Assessment (2013)
  - Updated biological reference points
  - Not overfished/ overfishing not occurring
- Fishery
  - Total Allowable Catch
  - Commercial quota (60%): Recreational harvest limit (40%)
  - MD commercial = 2.04% : MD recreational = 2.9%





#### Coastal Management

- New for 2014 implementation of a regional conservation equivalency approach
  - MD, VA, DE same size limit, possession limit, and season
  - 16" with a 4 fish/person/day limit
- MAFMC/ASMFC initiated new amendment
  - comprehensive review of the summer flounder framework
  - regional versus state conservation equivalency
  - potential for changes to state allocations
  - commercial versus recreational allocations,
  - total allowable landings, methods to determine quota
  - spatial shifts in summer flounder abundance





#### Fisheries Service Plan Review Team (FS PRT)

- SF FMP & Amendment #1 remain an appropriate framework
- Recommend next review when the MAFMC/ASMFC has completed their extensive review (tentatively scheduled for 2017)





#### **CBP King/Spanish Mackerel FMP**

- Chesapeake Bay Plan (1994)
- Reviewed (2005, 2014)
- Updated annually (2007 present)
- Management Framework
  - Adopt management measures consistent with SAFMC
  - Monitor catch & quotas; provide data for research needs
  - Reduce waste/sublegal bycatch & hook and release mortality
  - Improve water quality & habitat





### **Mackerel Coastal Management**

- Managed jointly by SAFMC/ASMFC
- Stock Status
  - Spanish (2012) Not overfished, overfishing not occurring
  - King (2014<sub>in progress</sub>) Not overfished, overfishing not occurring
- Fishery Total Allowable Catch
  - Commercial Quota
  - Recreational Annual Catch Limit
  - Limited and sporadic in MD





#### Fisheries Service Plan Review Team (FS PRT)

- K/SM FMP remains an appropriate framework
- Recommends the plan be incorporated by reference into Maryland regulation





Questions
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Comments

