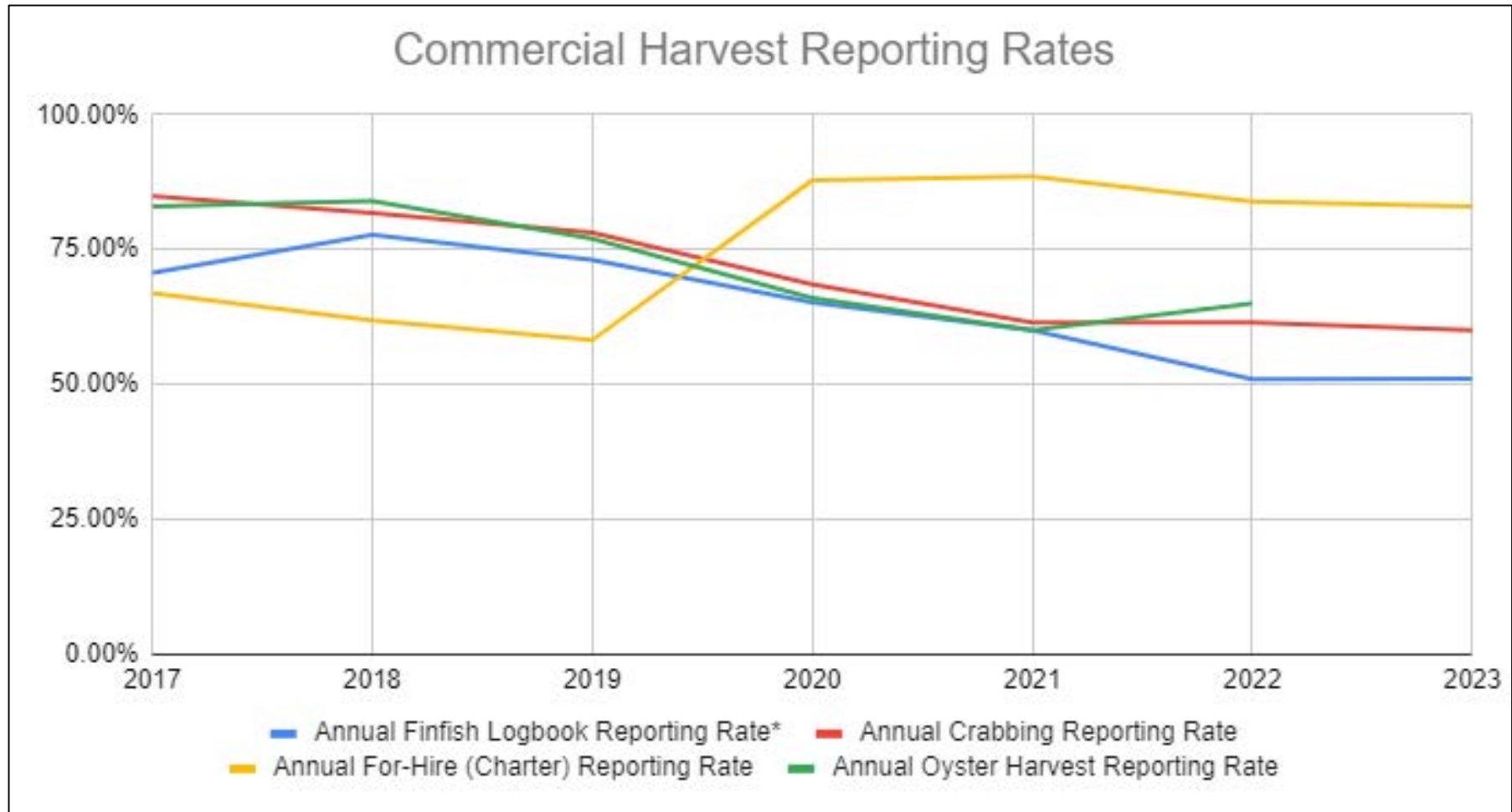


# How is Reporting Going?



# Shrimp Permit Reminders

## **Who needs a shrimp permit?**

- If you are seeing shrimp in your Chesapeake Bay gear and would like to harvest them, you need a shrimp permit. It's free, and you can get it any time.
- If you are a participant in the Atlantic Coast Shrimp Pilot, testing a new gear for use in Maryland waters of the Atlantic, you need a shrimp permit.
  - No coastal permit holders have used the gear yet, though they are working to get the gear set and inspected before they go out.
  - There are 0 reported landings for 2023 in the Chesapeake Bay.

# Database Updates

## **COMPASS Replacement:**

- Vendor Selected, Brandt Technologies.
- Contract started Oct 1, with a 3 year contract period
- Expect full roll out of COMPASS replacement around September 2023

## **Database Specialist vacancy**

- Supports fisheries commercial harvest databases, permits databases, and others
- Vacant since May 2022. Currently filled using a temp.
- This is the basis for our infrastructure: mailings, data entry, permits, etc. Updates for new licenses/policies/etc happen slower while we work to fill the position. Hoping to have a selected candidate by January 1.

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## **Fishery Management Plans**

*Presented By*  
Tammy O'Connell  
Sarah Widman  
Amanda Small

October 10, 2023

## **What is a Fishery Management Plan (FMP)?**

Serves as a framework for conserving and wisely using fishery resources.

Provides a format for undertaking management measures throughout Maryland state waters.

Guidelines for the contents of a plan are described in Natural Resources Article, §4-215, Annotated Code of Maryland.

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## **The Goal**

Make our management planning

more efficient, more transparent, and more adaptive.

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## In the Works

- Amendment to the Oyster Management Plan
- Cownose Ray Management Plan
- Website Update
- Catching up with Legislative Reports
- Updating Processes  
(plan development, amendments, reports)

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## Website Update

- New Descriptions
- Link to the Latest Legislative Report
- Links to Management Plans
- Links to ASMFC Species Page

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/fmp.aspx>



## **Legislative Reports**

Required by statute

Natural Resources Article, §4-215, Annotated Code of Maryland

2020 Report in final stages

2021 Report is being drafted

## **2020 Legislative Report**

### Sections of the Report

Intro

FMP History

Stock Status

Current Management Measures

The Fishery

Issues/Concerns

References

Implementation Table

## What's Next?

Catch up with Legislative Reports  
2020, 2021, 2022

Update FMP Review and Report Processes

Review FMP Structure and Process

- Re-do or amend Chesapeake Bay plans, follow ASMFC plans, etc.
- Consider climate, invasive species, habitat, etc.

## **We Need Your Help**

### Anticipated Actions in 2024

- Progress on FMP legislative reports and timeline
- Request feedback on the 2022 Legislative Report
- Progress on FMP Development/Review Process
- Request feedback

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## Questions?

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# Striped Bass Update

*High Level Overview / Preparation for Addendum II*



**Presented By:**  
**Michael Luisi & Angela Giuliano**  
**September-October, 2023**

# Main Objectives / Topics Covered

- **How did we get here?**
  - Brief Management History
- **What is being considered by the ASMFC Board?**
  - Commercial and Recreational Changes for 2024/2025
- **How can I stay informed and provide comments regarding pending management actions?**
  - Public Process & Assessment Update Timeline



## Management History

- **Amendment 6 to the FMP (2003)**

Addendum I (2007)

Addendum II (2010)

Addendum III (2012)

Addendum IV (2014)

- Addressed Overfishing: 1 Fish Bag Limit, Commercial Quota Reductions

- Maryland CE Proposal

Addendum VI (2019)

- Addressed Overfishing and Overfished Status: Coastal Slot Limit (28" - 35"), Circle Hooks, Commercial Quota Reduction

- Maryland CE Proposal

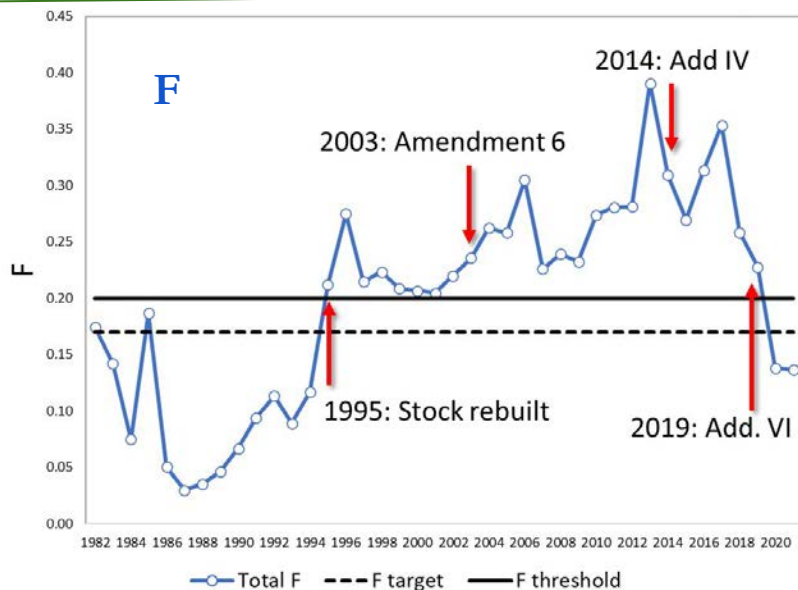
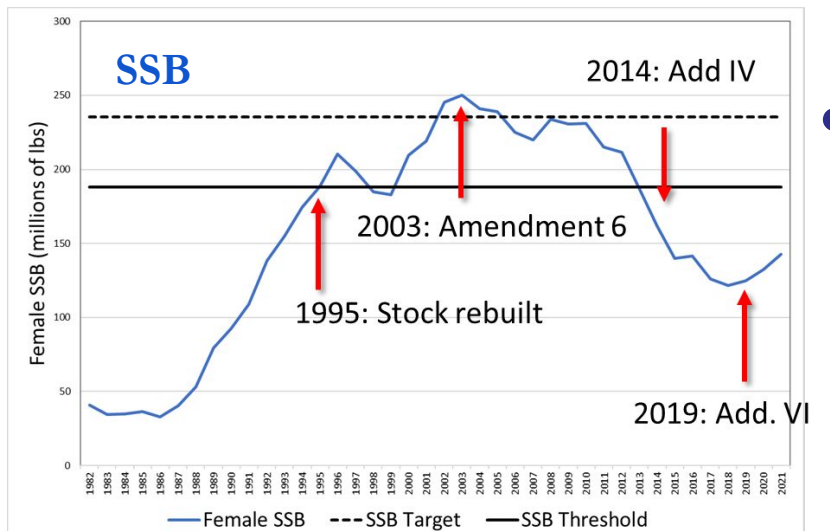
- **Amendment 7 to the FMP (2022)**

Re-evaluated objectives and management triggers, further gear restrictions to reduce release mortality, conservation equivalency, etc.

Addendum I (2023) – commercial quota transfers

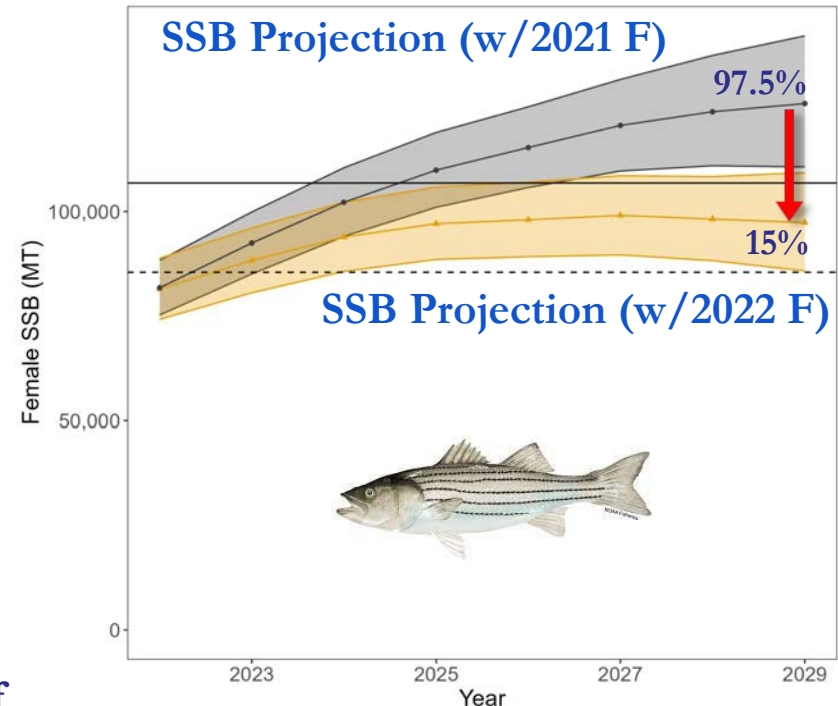
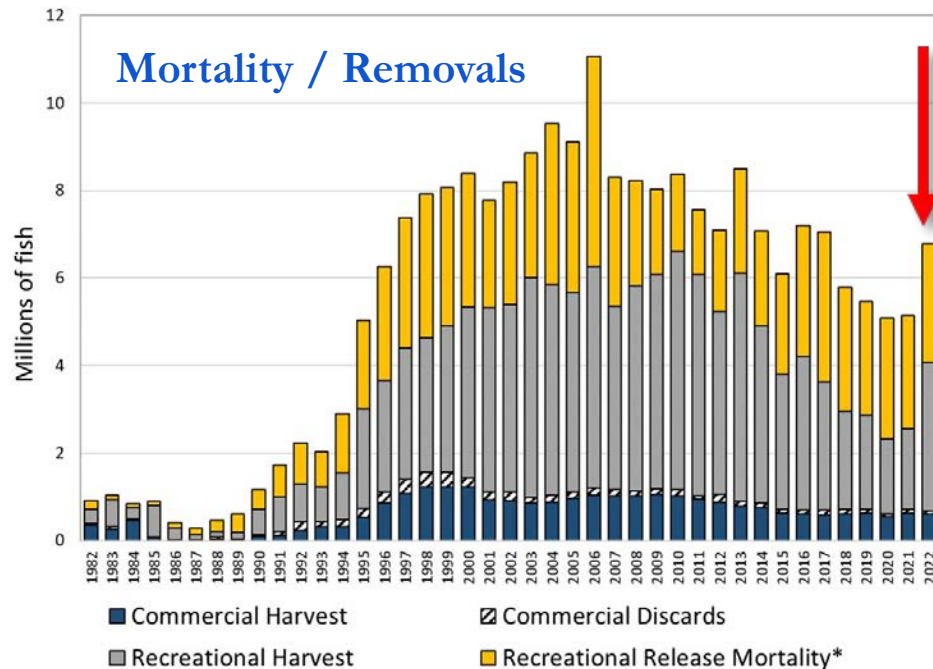
Emergency Action (2023) - 31" max on rec catch

*Addendum II (in-progress)*





## 2023 Emergency Action



- Higher Catches in 2022 reduced probability of reaching SSB<sub>target</sub> by 2029
  - 97.5% probability down to 15% probability
  - Still >90% chance will be above SSB<sub>threshold</sub>
- Emergency Measures - May 2023
- Initiate Addendum II

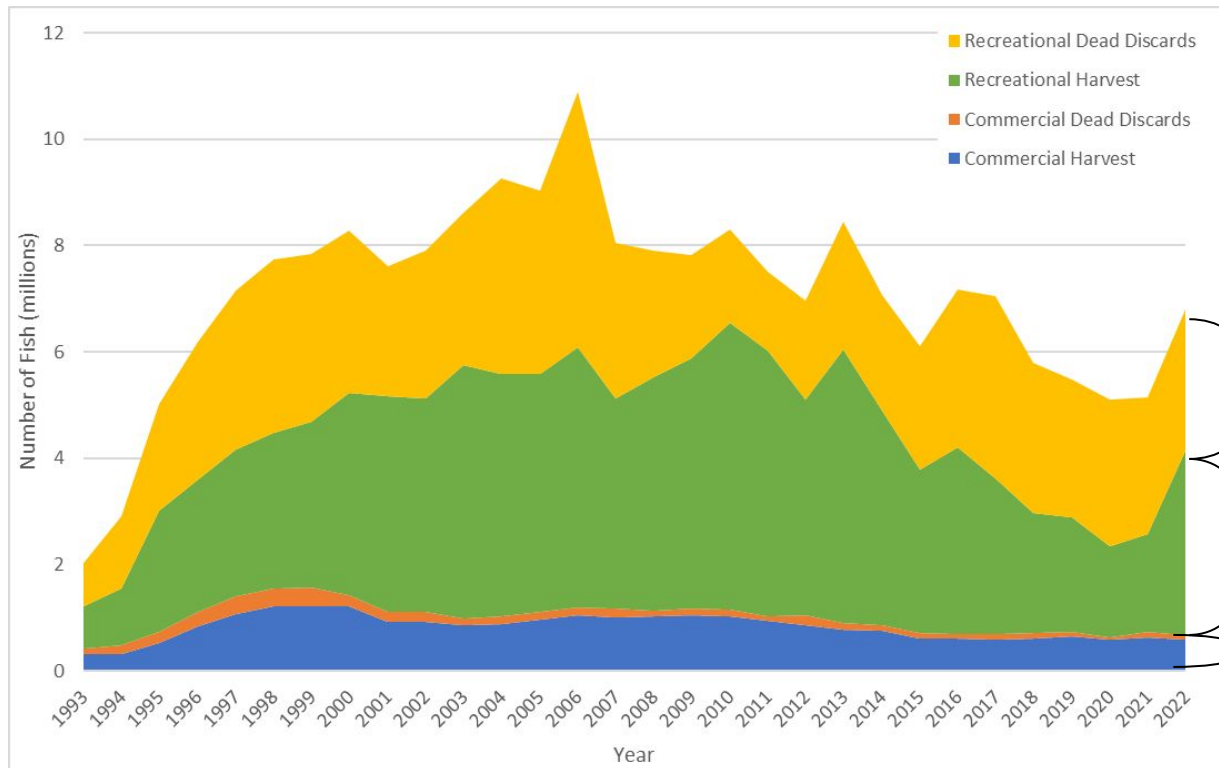
## Addendum II (In Progress)

Initiated Addendum II to Am. 7 to bring F to the F target in 2024

- Options being considered to reduce mortality/removals in both the Commercial and Recreational Fisheries in the Ocean and Chesapeake Bay



## Coastwide Removals/Mortality - *Includes Ches Bay*



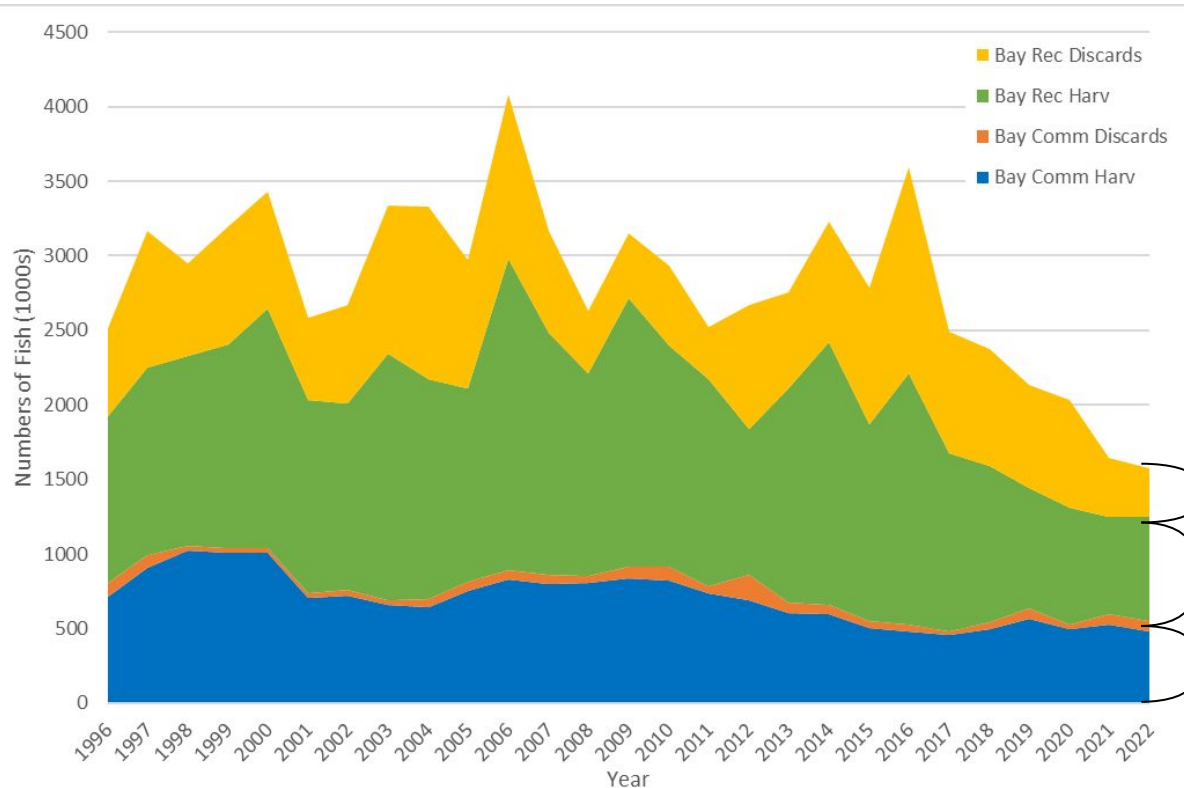
**In 2022...**

39% - Rec. Dead Discard

51% - Rec. Harvest

10% - Comm Harvest/Discard

## Chesapeake Bay Removals/Mortality



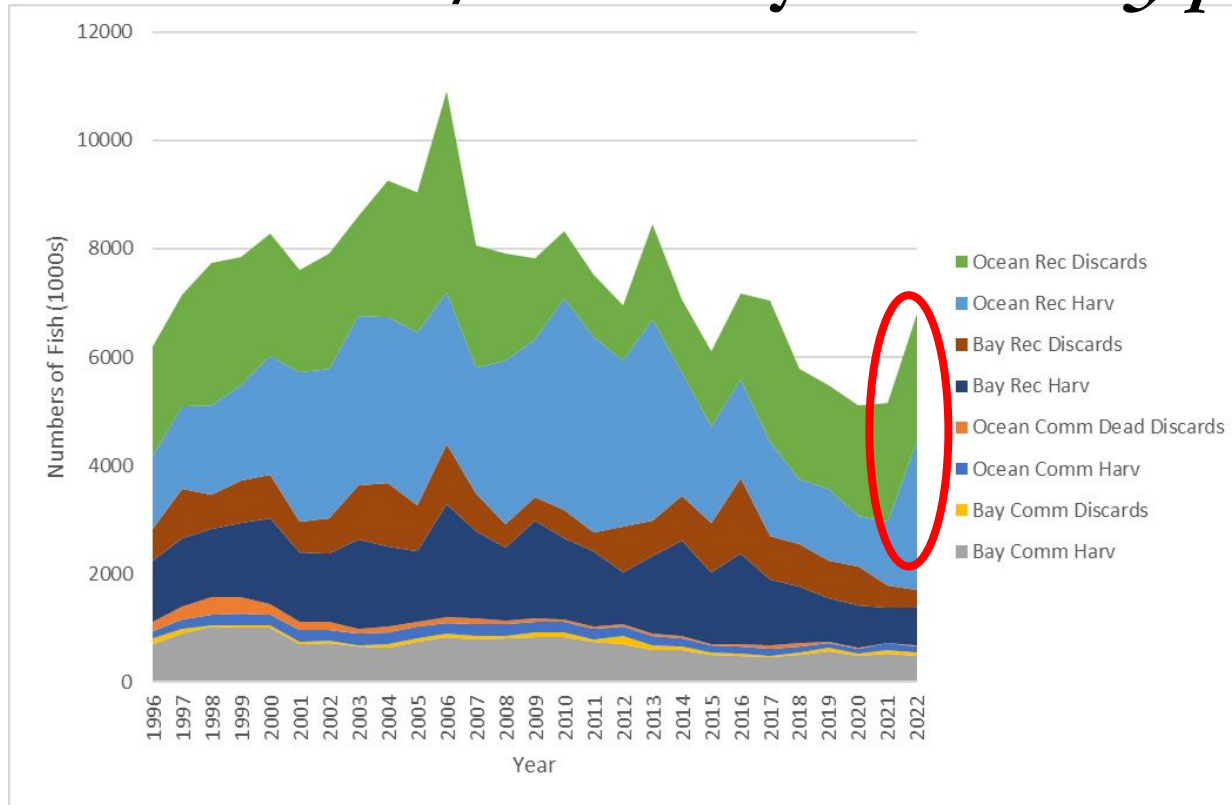
**In 2022...**

21% - Rec. Dead Discard

44% - Rec. Harvest

35% - Comm Harvest/Discard

## Coastwide Removals/Mortality - *Ches Bay pulled out*



- In 2022:
  - 9% commercial harvest (7% Bay, 2% Ocean)
  - 1% commercial dead discards (estimated, 1% Bay, 0.2% Ocean)
  - 51% recreational harvest (10% Bay, 41% Ocean)
  - 39% recreational dead discards (5% Bay, 34% Ocean)

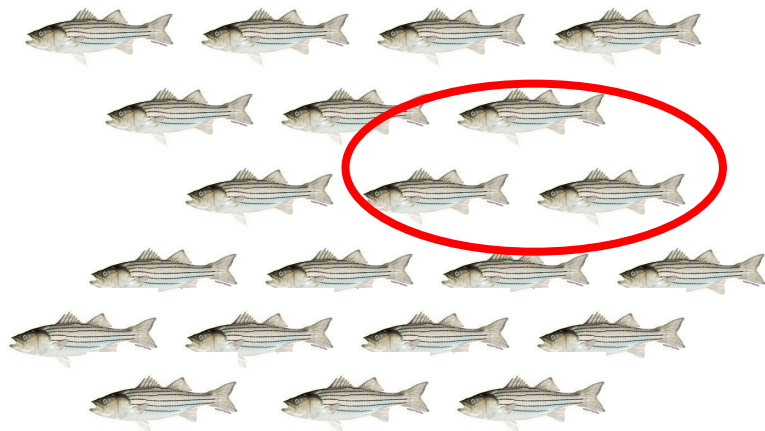


## Management Actions

The intent of the management changes being considered address 2 issues:

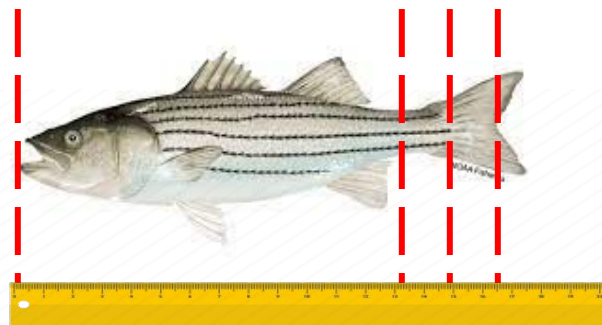
- Reducing removals and lowering Fishing Mortality (F) so that the Spawning Stock Biomass can increase toward the SSB Target
- Protection of the 2015 year class - Coastal Migrants larger than ~35 inches

**Commercial Quota  
Reductions / Max Size**



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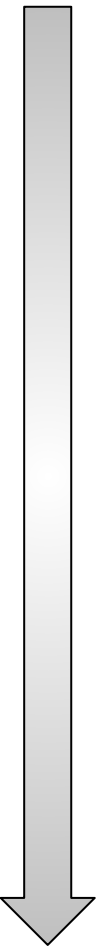
**Recreational  
Slot Limits**



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**% Reduction**

## Addendum II ASMFC Public Process Timeline

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- **May-Sept 2023:** Development of Draft Addendum II
  - **October 2023:** Board reviews and approves Draft Addendum II for public comment
  - **Nov-Dec 2023:** Public Hearings / Comment Period
  - **January 2024:** ASMFC Board Meeting; Board reviews public comment, selects management measures, final approval of Addendum II
    - Rec. Measures 2024 / Commercial Quota Possibly 2025
  - .....
  - **October 2024:** Stock assessment update, reevaluate progress towards rebuilding, consider additional changes to management, recreational discards - Possibly 2026

## Meetings and Contacts

- **Coastal Fisheries Forums: September 22, 2023 - Today**
- **Tidal & Coastal Recreational Fisheries Committee: September 27, 2023 (2-4 pm)**
- **Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission: October 10th (2-5 pm)**
- **Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission: October 12th (2-5 pm)**
- **ASMFC Striped Bass Board: October 18th (2-5 pm)**



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