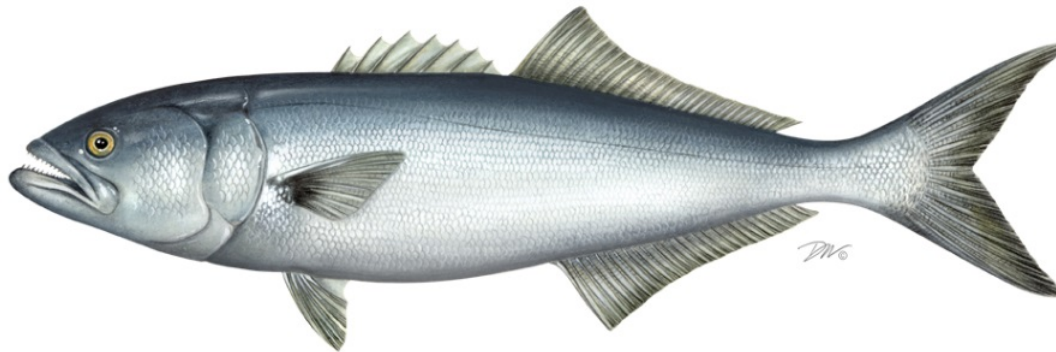




2018 ISFMP Review for Bluefish:

2017 Fishing Season



Bluefish Management Board
August 15, 2018

Overview



1. Status of FMP
2. Status of the Stock
3. Status of the Fishery
4. Status of Research and Monitoring
5. Status of Management Measures and Issues
6. Compliance Requirements
7. Research Needs



FMP Compliance



- **Requirements**
 - Recreational possession limit 15-fish
 - Restrict the commercial fishery to the quota
 - Monitor commercial and recreational fishery
 - Vessel & Dealer permitting requirements
 - Addendum I (2012): Biological Sampling Program
 - Annual compliance reporting
- **All states and jurisdictions have met the intent of the FMP compliance requirements in 2017.**



Addendum I: Bio Sampling Program



Addendum I: Sampling Effort Results, 2017

State	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	VA	NC
# of samples	112	98	125	95	120	462	662

- Purpose: improve age and length data used in stock assessment
- Requirement: collect a min. of 100 ages
 - 50 from January-June, 50 from July-December
- RI, NY unable to collect 100 samples
- MA, RI, CT, NY unable to acquire 50 age samples in the spring



de minimis Requests



- *De minimis* requirement: state commercial landings < 0.1% of coastwide landings
- Maine, South Carolina, and Georgia requested *de minimis* status for 2018
- The PRT finds these states meet the requirements for *de minimis* status



PRT Comments



- The PRT requests more clarity in annual compliance reports about state permitting requirements for commercial and party/charter vessels and commercial dealers in annual compliance reports.
- All states and jurisdictions meet the intent of the FMP compliance requirements in 2017.
- Recommend Board approval of FMP Review, state Compliance Reports and *de minimis* requests





Questions?

