

February 2022 Council Meeting Public Comments

Name	Email	Topic	Comments	Date/Time
Lee Sanborn	tarahighland@verizon.net	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	I can't believe the proposed cut in Black Sea Bass. Your survey must have taken ace in a bath tub. Last year we could not get away from the Seabass. Any wreck we fished was loaded with them, and usually just u Der keeper size. By now those fish are clearly keeper size. I would like to see no reduction in bag limits or a smaller one. Thank you Lee Sanborn	02/01/2022 12:35pm
Chris Lido	leedz49@hotmail.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	Please do not implement any more business-crushing restrictions on the rebuilt sea bass fishery.	02/01/2022 1:38pm
Richard Sanborn	tautog691@comcast.net	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/01/2022 1:58pm
Brad Wait	bradwait@verizon.net	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational	As a recreational fishermen, I do not want to see a reduction in the size or bag limits of Black Sea Bass. This fishing industry is vital to many party boats and private charters. This	02/01/2022 2:32pm

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		Management Measures	industry also creates a cash flow for NJ. Reducing the bag limit would deter many anglers from coming to NJ and may fish for Black Sea Bass in other states.	
Jim Anderson	jimanderson577@hotmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/01/2022 3:03pm
Louis Truppi	troop2542@yahoo.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	The supplies of sea bass are strong , catch limits should be increased or season extended ! I do Not agree with any proposal that modify our curremtv limits and seasons !	02/01/2022 3:30pm
Daniel Faust	fau4412@verizon.net	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/01/2022 4:06pm

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John Bott	jtb2040@aol.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	<p>this</p> <p>As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.</p> <p>Thank you John Bott</p>	02/01/2022 4:44pm
ANDREW SOKOL	skolmann@aol.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	<p>As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status</p>	02/01/2022 5:31pm
Gerry Zagorski	njfishing@aol.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	<p>According to your data, the Black Seabass stocks have been over the SSB for a number of recent years now and you can hardly drop down a hook without catching one. Yes we likely caught more in 2021 because the stocks have been rebuilt, but as a result, we're looking at a 28% reduction?? This makes no sense to me.</p>	02/01/2022 6:05pm

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			<p>As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.</p> <p>Respectfully</p> <p>Gerry Zagorski</p>	
Gregory Heiser	chubheiser@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	<p>To Whom it may Concern,</p> <p>As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status. Please truly consider our efforts in the past to have rebuilt this stock to well over 100%.</p> <p>Sincerely, Gregory Heiser</p>	02/01/2022 7:07pm

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Joseph morales	jwm0712@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/01/2022 8:50pm
Matthew Minnig	matthew.minnig@yahoo.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/01/2022 8:52pm
Joey Morales	joeyfishes13@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/01/2022 8:53pm
Dennis Carey	dennis.e.carey@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support	02/01/2022 9:14pm

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			the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	
Jason Stankovich	hardboiled27@hotmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/01/2022 9:41pm
Derek Bielitz	captderek1@yahoo.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/01/2022 9:49pm
James Snyder	james.snyder85@yahoo.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/01/2022 10:04pm

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Evan Krause	evankrause27@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/01/2022 10:07pm
Ken Namowitz	kennymimivi@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I totally support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also totally support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status. Thank you	02/01/2022 10:29pm
Howie Allen	howarda780@aol.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/02/2022 6:42am
Dan MCGIVNEY	dmcgivney@comcast.net	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational	You have to be kidding? There have been more sea bass then ever in 2022. Please redo your survey assessments.	02/02/2022 9:44am

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Dave Baldwin	djbaldwin72@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	<p>As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.</p> <p>I fish for black sea bass recreationally out of Manasquan Inlet, during December primarily, 2-4 times per year (most trips are weathered out). From what I've witnessed over the past several years, the sea bass stock has been exploding. I see absolutely no reason for a reduction in bag limit, timeframe to fish for them, etc. If anything, we should get back to where we used to be and be allowed to fish for them in January and February once again.</p> <p>Dave Baldwin Brick, NJ</p>	02/02/2022 9:54am
Kenneth Lazorchak	losthwy66@hotmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black	02/02/2022 12:52pm

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			Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	
Joe Wilson	njwil@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/02/2022 2:27pm
Dave Daly	dave@ dneconsulting.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	I see no reason for a reduction in 2022 Black Sea Bass quota as the stock is and has been rebuilt for some time. Also the harvest data management has room for improvement and may not reflect actual harvest for 2021.	02/02/2022 3:45pm
Walter Teunisen	teunisen1@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/02/2022 3:45pm

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Gary Cogland	gcogland@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/02/2022 3:50pm
robert quinn	oceanexplorerbelmar@hotmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status. I also have been fishing sea bass for 40 years off of Jersey and have never seen so many sea bass as this year...Captain Bobby	02/02/2022 5:45pm
Stephen Hagerman	kahlua397@verizon.net	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/02/2022 6:00pm

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Cole Riback	coleriback85@gmail.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	There have been more seabass around the last few years than ever before. There is no reason for a 28% cut	02/02/2022 6:01pm
MERLE LOCKHART	merle705@gmail.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	As a recreational fisherman I support this bill and action needs to be taken on these scientists making the decion because their numbers are flawed? There are millions of these fish littering the ocean floors and anyone who says anything different needs their head examined	02/02/2022 6:41pm
gilbert epstein	gmemse@gmail.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	please leave or increase the sea bass allocation. the fishery has never been in such good shape. you might want to level it out to 10 fish for the entire season. that would be great. thank you	02/02/2022 6:50pm
Darren Martinez	darren.martinez@comcast.net	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/02/2022 7:02pm

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Alan Kenter	kingofbdock@aol.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/02/2022 8:07pm
Raphael Burke	rayburke51@icloud.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	I support the recreational harvest reform. I have been a fishing boat captain for well over 50 years. I have never seen as many sea bass as I have in the past 5 years. Fish of all sizes from 3 inches long to 20 inches long. Current limits on the boat are very easily obtained because there is a huge biomass, which tends to be getting stronger. Your own statistics show that this particular fishery is more than 100% repaired. Making sharp cuts in allocation by administrative measures without paying any attention to an exploding biomass is both unfair and dangerous to the livelihood of many people. Sensible management is extremely important in this matter and the only criteria that should be used is the amount of the biomass that exists in this species.	02/02/2022 8:09pm

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Bahaaeldin Ahmed	bebocarbon@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/02/2022 8:24pm
Alex Oliszewski	bigal427@comcast.net	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	A 28% reduction in seabass would suck. The stock does seem to be coming back and there is not too many other species to fish for. If you have to cut it how about doing it so you reduce the limit and extend the season. Right now you take away the best part of the season for the recreational I guys. And as far as the season in November and December only benefits a certain few spread the wealth.	02/02/2022 8:35pm
Ling Tsui	tsuila@yahoo.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/02/2022 8:40pm
Sean Layton	sean.layton@zenogroup.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational	According to ASFMC's own data, Black Sea Bass populations have exploded in recent	02/02/2022 8:56pm

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		Management Measures	<p>years and are well over the "target" population numbers outlined. A reduction of the recreational catch should be of no interest to the fisheries council, as it puts livelihoods of party boat captain & mates, tackle shop owners and others who benefit from an economy of recreational fisherman at unnecessary risk.</p> <p>As it stands now, there was only one month a year where inshore anglers can viably target and keep 3+ fish, as the fall season is primarily reserved for vessels that can get offshore to where keeper fish migrate.</p> <p>Please consider striking down a significant reduction in recreational Black Sea Bass bag and size limits as well as advocating for stricter rules against commercial fishing.</p>	
Paula Nerone	pnerone@verizon.net	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a lifelong sport fisher person, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status. Thank you for your	02/02/2022 9:36pm

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			immediate attention and prompt action around reform.	
Michael Murphy	murphyewn@aol.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	We need a slot limit for summer flounder. Current regulations result in harvesting of primarily female fish.	02/02/2022 9:58pm
Michael Murphy	murphyewn@aol.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	Black sea bass stocks are rebuilt. Why are we looking at a 28% reduction in quota.	02/02/2022 10:01pm
Christopher Wilson	christopherwilson099@gmail.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	Please consider NO reduction in black sea bass quota for 2022. The fishery is in excellent shape! Rebuilt beyond goal and provides a valuable resource along the mid atlantic coast.	02/03/2022 7:37am
Frederick Matero	fmatero@verizon.net	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	I am a recreational fishermen. I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/03/2022 8:12am
Billy Maroulis	r6nnj@aol.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational	Leave the Black Sea Bass regulations alone! There is a healthy stock and almost too much	02/03/2022 8:28am

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Michael Yablonsky	michael_yablonsky@yahoo.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	<p>I support sustainable fisheries. However, I do not support reductions in catch rates that are not supported by the data.</p> <p>Therefore, I do not support a reduction in black sea bass catch rates when the data indicate that the stock is fully rebuilt.</p>	02/03/2022 10:23am
Michael Reta	mikreta@aol.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	<p>As the Black Sea bass stocks have been rebuilt for many years now.</p> <p>As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.</p>	02/03/2022 11:01am
Arthur Dando	awd3@comcast.net	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	<p>As a recreational fisherman, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing</p>	02/03/2022 11:07am

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Robert Schlink	bobpat67@verizon.net	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	There is no need for this ,the Sea Bass population has exploded ,just crazy	02/03/2022 2:47pm
Jim Barrett	barrettjim2@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/03/2022 4:49pm
John riccardi	jwriccardi1224@gmail.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	stop using bad data to manage our fisheries recreational fisherman have ben penalized year after year while nj commercial get increases after we sacrifice. Use some common sense when deciding what vote you take, look at party boat VTRs STOP USIING MRIP ITS DESTROYING OUR FISHERIES.	02/03/2022 7:40pm
John Paul	johnjpaul76@gmail.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	So not reduce the residential black sea bass quota. I fish reasonably every weekend and the sea bass stock is mire than healthy.	02/03/2022 8:57pm

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Andrew Scanlon	scanman5@hotmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/03/2022 10:23pm
Patrick Harney	paharney@gmail.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	As a recreational fisherman I noted extremely healthy stocks of Black Seabass in 2021. I think your current management plan in regards to this species is working well and needs no adjustments.	02/04/2022 5:52am
Todd Hooper	hoopla327@aol.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/04/2022 8:26am
TIMOTHY ANFUSO	cnplanners@optonline.net	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	To Whom it may concern; Black Sea Bass are abundant and have been fully rebuilt for several years. The problem with the Back Sea Bass fishery is the mismanagement of the Summer Flounder	02/04/2022 9:34am

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			<p>fishery. Although party boats have Fluke signs up at the docks, they are not actually targeting Fluke due to the collapse of the fishery. They go Black Sea Bass fishing first and once a catch is obtained, then move on to Fluke. They need to do this because if they only targeted Fluke 90% of their customers would go home without dinner.</p> <p>The mismanagement of the Summer Flounder fishery has artificially shifted fishing pressure from Summer Flounder to Black Sea Bass. It will not be until the Summer Flounder fishery is managed by prohibiting all fishing during the spawn (commercial & recreational) and by stop forcing the recreational sector to only harvest large females will the Summer Flounder fishery start to recover. Once the Summer flounder fishery is stabilized, fishing pressure return to normal and Black Sea bass will be just fine.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Timothy Anfusio</p>	

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al Reichenbach	alr@pennmfg.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/04/2022 12:04pm
Dennis OKeefe	okeefed@msn.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fisherman, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Forum to better take into account stock status	02/05/2022 9:30am
KIRK DAVIS	kirkjarettedavis@gmail.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	Black sea bass and scup are incredibly abundant and need no harvest decreases. In fact, we were promised that sea bass regulations would liberalize when the stock was rebuilt. The stock is now well over target. It has been well over target for several years. Live up to your promise and go back to a year round open season on sea bass.	02/05/2022 12:34pm
Dylan Nifoussi	dylnif24@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a avid recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the	02/05/2022 7:52pm

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			<p>ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.</p>	
BERT GIBBS	tau.togg@gmail.com	<p>Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures</p>	<p>dear sirs and/or madams</p> <p>please review the mrips. imho they need to reviewed. the stocks have been rebuilt.</p> <p>please reference capt monty hawkins information from ocean city md information he has compiled for your review.</p> <p>i have fished since 1960 and have never seen the stock this healthy.</p> <p>The BSB creates an enormous amount of financial growth for new jersey business's and this will hurt small business in New Jersey.</p> <p>The implications of the cut go far beyond fisherman. Please ulitize the Vessel Trip Reports as part of your decision making process. These are real time information and much more accurate that estimates of what a recreational part time boater with a 25' weekend fisherman reports to a game warden.</p>	<p>02/05/2022 10:25pm</p>

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			<p>Thank you for your consideration</p> <p>Bert Gibbs</p>	
Jonathan Amedrano	urubolso4@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/05/2022 11:48pm
Nick D'Ambrosio	djmcnickyd@yahoo.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen with 2 boys 7 and 8 years old, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/06/2022 9:36am
Will Meyer	retrotime11@verizon.net	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing	02/06/2022 9:56am

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Rich Adler	tunawahoo@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status. I caught and released keeper sized sea bass last year from May to November, I think your data is flawed, this species is not overfished and overfishing is not occurring. Thank You	02/06/2022 10:55am
George Burns	gmoney0529@gmail.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	There is no reason to cut our quota We had good fishing for both species and any cuts are unwarranted and will severely hurt the fishing industry	02/06/2022 1:29pm
Kirk Krueger	kirk.krueger@verizon.net	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	For the love of god please follow the science, Black Sea bass stocks are robust and healthy. Please stop the bureaucratic nonsense	02/06/2022 5:08pm
Gerald Deluisi	gdeluisi@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fisherman I support recreational harvest reform. I would like MAFMC to take the same action as ASMFC to	02/06/2022 5:33pm

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Robert Davis	rwdavis9293@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	<p>As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status</p>	02/06/2022 6:36pm
James Williamson	jameswilliamson335@gmail.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	<p>Good morning.</p> <p>I have been made aware that there may be a 28% cut to the recreational quota of Black Sea bass in New Jersey. I would like to know the reasoning behind this. Anyone who knows about this fishery in New Jersey will tell you that it is completely rebuilt. Anglers can find them in incredible numbers just about anywhere up and down the coast. The charter and party boat industry cannot withstand a huge cut in our sea bass landings. This is one of the only species that customers can take a</p>	02/07/2022 11:30am

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			<p>decent amount of in today's age. Please consider this strongly because it does not make much sense.</p> <p>Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Jake Williamson</p>	
Robert Supino	bsupino@msn.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	<p>As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.</p>	02/07/2022 1:32pm
Leonard Naas	lnaas2424@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	<p>Good Afternoon,</p> <p>As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.</p> <p>Thank you, Leonard</p>	02/07/2022 1:35pm

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Frederick Bertsch	fcb@fcbertsch.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/07/2022 2:35pm
John DePersenaire	jdepersenaire@joinrfa.org	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	The Recreational Fishing Alliance submits the following comments in support of continuing work to achieve the full development of options contained within the Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework. The recreational fishing community was told that the recreational harvest control rule held the greatest potential to address the issue being observed in the recreational sector where high stock size abundance coupled with higher than previously estimated recreational catch produced through MRIP leads to the anglers being excluded from rebuilt stocks. The combination of these two elements makes its almost impossible to constrain recreational harvest to the RHL while also having reasonable measures that reflects the food value of these fisheries and the traditional use of the fisheries which was largely dominated by recreational anglers despite the recent	02/07/2022 3:38pm

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			<p>decision on allocation. The recreational fishing community continues to wait as these options are developed to address this dilemma.</p> <p>The pain of this wait can be seen nowhere more acutely than in the black sea bass fishery. The negative consequences of the paradoxical management of the black sea bass fishery, a rebuilding success but a management failure, is being exclusively experienced by the recreational fishing sector and the businesses supported by it. Under the current framework in the fishery management plan, there appears to be no way to correct this management death spiral where high availability of black sea bass, typically considered a good thing in fisheries management, results in high recreational catch that is estimated to exceed the RHL. When the RHL is exceeded, the measures are made more restrictive. But with exceedingly high availability, the likelihood that the RHL will be exceeded in future fishing seasons persists. The currently management approach for the recreational black sea bass fishery is going down this path with no reasonable outlook for recreational anglers to enjoy the rebuilding success of the stock. Its a death spiral. The recreational harvest control</p>	

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			<p>rule framework was initiated to address this very problem and holds potential to correct this failed course and allow the recreational sector to equally benefit from a widely rebuilt black sea bass stock. This framework and the work necessary to fully development of the options contained within must be a top priority for the MAFMC. RFA urges the MAFMC to complete the modeling development for the options contained within the framework so the recreational sector can fully evaluate how these options will shape subsequent measures. This work must be done in time for the 2023 specification and recreational measures setting processes later this year. We hope the MAFMC understands the urgency at which this work must be done.</p> <p>For the 2022 scup and black sea bass measures, RFA supports maintaining status quo for the 2022 fishing season. The status of these stocks has not changed in any significance relative to the previous 2 fishing seasons when status quo was allowed using the justification that MAFMC and GARFO staff were working through the full incorporation of the revised MRIP estimates. In addition to imposing significant and unnecessary</p>	

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			<p>socioeconomic impacts on the recreational sector and recreational fishing businesses, RFA can't help but to point out that any measures to further constrain recreational harvest while the black sea bass stock remains so high will simply convert harvest into dead discards thereby resulting in little, if any, conservation benefit. The hope to correct this failed approach lies with the recreationally harvest control rule.</p> <p>In closing, RFA again points out this is absolutely a management issue. The power of management policy change lies solely with the MAFMC. RFA hopes the council and its staff sees the urgency and need in carrying out the needed development and analysis of the options contained within the addenda so that the recreational community can review the options and make the most informed decision. For the 2022 season, we support status quo for black sea bass and scup.</p>	
John DePersenaire	jdepersenaire@joinrfa.org	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures		02/08/2022 8:43am

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Boris Kogelman	bob19kog@gmail.com	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/08/2022 4:26pm
Richard Scott	gizelle@optonline.net	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	keep sea bass the same ,no reduction needed	02/08/2022 6:59pm
michael carol	mac6138@verizon.net	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	As a recreational fishermen, I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status.	02/10/2022 11:16am
Anthony Debarco	tonydebarco@yahoo.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures		02/11/2022 1:23pm

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Michael Grecco	westwindfish@verizon.net	Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework	I support Recreation Harvest Reform and would like the MAFMC to take the same actions of the ASMFC to reduce the proposed 28% Black Seabass reduction. I also support the ongoing efforts of Recreational Reform to better take into account Stock Status. I run a charter fishing boat and we are literally pver run buy seabass.. I have been doing this for over 50 years and have never seen as many seabass as there are now. Hop on boat , any time , and I will prove it to you. Best..Mike	02/12/2022 11:40am
Daniel Clark	dansgonefishing@verizon.net	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	Please leave the summer and flounder and sea bass quotas as is. Your going to drive the fisherman out of business.	02/14/2022 5:48am
John Olier	apmail@harcoweb.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	I really wish the people making these regulations would get out from behind their desks and fish. Maybe then they would have an idea of what is really going on. If you had ever fished for black sea bass you would know that the amount of juvenile fish is staggering	02/16/2022 1:02pm

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			and yet you impose more and more restrictions upon recreational fisherman. Perhaps you just need to put up a go fund me page so we can pay you directly as the commercial fishermen do	
Robert Schlink	bobpat67@verizon.net	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	WHY ,the population is great.more for commercial boats of course ,money talks	02/17/2022 8:27am
Nik Olson	nikhilolson@gmail.com	Black Sea Bass 2022 Recreational Management Measures	The Black Sea bass population is under no threat of overfishing, there's too many of anything and they will out compete other fish for food if the regulations allow their numbers to increase such as game fish like Fluke. There's no need for stricter Black Sea Bass regulations, this is very questionable and suspicious. You guys clearly have flawed data from your research. You are going to destroy all fisheries if you go through with enforcing stricter bag limits/regulations.	02/25/2022 12:41pm