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**To:** Steve Beer  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Flounder regulations

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve Beer [mailto:beerplumbing91@gmail.com]  
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 6:52 PM  
To: Comments <comments@asmfc.org>  
Subject: [External] Flounder regulations

Sent from my iPhone. I believe that the size limit is causing us anglers to release to many fish that will not survive. Make it 2 fish 14 to 18 inches and one fish over 18". Thanks.

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**To:** David Doebley  
**Subject:** RE: [External] SUMMER FLOUNDER COMMENTS

**From:** David Doebley [mailto:david.nevermoor@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2020 7:14 PM  
**To:** Comments <comments@asmfc.org>  
**Subject:** [External] SUMMER FLOUNDER COMMENTS

Please, please stop the killing of breeding female flounder by setting regulations that force us to keep only female fluke. I keep a record of all my fish that I keep and clean. It has been years since I have harvested a male fluke. As your regulations increase the minimum size the stock goes down.

There is also the problem of waste since most fishermen in this area of South Jersey only catch one keeper for every 10 to 14 fish they catch. That means that more fish die from release than go home for the plate.

We need a slot limit to allow fishermen to harvest fish without killing breeders. You have the numbers. Design a slot that stops the waste from dead discards and turns those fish in to keepers. Something like 15-18 and one fish over 24".

Sincerely,  
David Doebley

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**From:** Eugene J. Doebley  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2020 6:37 PM  
**To:** Comments  
**Subject:** [External] SUMMER FLOUNDER COMMENTS

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Gene Doebley

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**To:** outlook\_4DED777E41A67605@outlook.com  
**Subject:** RE: flounder regulations

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**From:** outlook\_4DED777E41A67605@outlook.com [mailto:outlook\_4DED777E41A67605@outlook.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:51 AM  
**To:** Comments <comments@asmfc.org>  
**Subject:** [External] flounder regulations

Dear Sir/Madam:

Current flounder regulations are depleting the stock of breeding females. Please consider reducing the limits to smaller fish & protect the larger breeding females. Thanks! Bill Garrity

104 Sherman Ave  
Strathmere NJ 08248

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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**To:** Don Mace  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Summer Flounder Comments

-----Original Message-----

From: Don Mace [mailto:don.mace@verizon.net]  
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:39 PM  
To: Comments <comments@asmfc.org>  
Subject: [External] Summer Flounder Comments

We need to stop taking all the female flounder out of the population. I'm in favor of a slot in the 14-17.99" range and allowing one additional keeper 18" or larger.

Thank you.

Don Mace  
Ocean City, NJ

Sent from my iPhone

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**To:** RAY SCOTT'S DOCK  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Summer flounder regs

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**From:** RAY SCOTT'S DOCK [mailto:raycottsdock@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 6:27 PM  
**To:** Comments <comments@asmfc.org>  
**Subject:** [External] Summer flounder regs

It continues to be RIDICULOUS to target the 18 inch female breeding stock of summer flounder while expecting to grow the fishery. In addition, the mortality rate of “throwbacks” during the summer months with water temps at 75 degrees is estimated at 60%. We need to drop the size limit to 16.5 inches to relieve the pressure off the females. Summer flounder stocks were growing steadily up until the 18 inch size limit was implemented. It has been in a state of decline since. Fewer throwbacks dramatically reduces the overage tonnage of fish caught and wasted which has not been factored into the fishery. Recreational angler effort will be greatly reduced as a bag limit of four fish at sixteen and a half inches can be readily achieved with a massive reduction in waste. Summer flounder are a dinner fish, not a trophy fish. They feed families. Regards, Robin Scott

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**To:** BILL SHILLINGFORD  
**Subject:** RE: [External] : 2021 summer flounder regulations

**From:** bucktail [<mailto:bucktail8@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:31 PM  
**To:** Comments <[comments@asmfc.org](mailto:comments@asmfc.org)>  
**Subject:** [External] : 2021 summer flounder regulations

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### **ASMFC comments on SUMMER FLOUNDER for August meeting**

**REGULATORS need to lower the size on summer flounder, as under current regulations of 18" we are only removing females from population and if this continues the population will never have a chance to grow....There also needs to be different seasons for inshore waters and outside waters..Summer flounder arrive in South Jersey and other areas with shallow bays as early as April and stay in the inshore waters for 8-12 weeks depending on water temps.Once water temps settle into 70's majority of fluke over 18" quickly leave for off shore cooler waters leaving mostly under 18" fish which also increases mortality on thrown back fish..An inshore season of April 15th to August 1 and a 17" size would result in a quick population growth as there would be a better male to female ratio..Give offshore fishermen a season from Mid-July -mid Oct. The current methods being used to determine summer flounder season,size and bag limit has been ineffective for past 6-10 years and decreasing population is all the evidence you need to prove that current recreational regulations are ineffective..If the Commercial guys can keep 14"fish and take them during the prime spawning in late /fall and winter surely you can relax the recreational size to 17"**  
**thank you for listening**  
**Bill Shillingford**  
**21 Pinewood Ct\**  
**Swainton,NJ 08210**  
**email [bucktail8@aol.com](mailto:bucktail8@aol.com)**

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**To:** nverducci@icloud.com  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Summer Flounder Management

-----Original Message-----

From: Nick Verducci [mailto:nverducci@icloud.com]  
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 3:35 PM  
To: Comments <comments@asmfc.org>  
Subject: [External] Summer Flounder Management

As a lifelong angler and one who has been advising a fishing club for students at my school in Ocean City, NJ for 17 years I implore that you take a new look on how to manage the summer flounder stock. The fishery is in dire need for a new approach. Through these years it is more and more difficult to find decent numbers with flounder. These 18" requirements has decimated the female population. It is time for a slot limit, similar to what Bill Shillingford has mentioned in many of his posts. I hope you all finally say it's time for something new that benefits not only the fishermen, but the flounder population as well.

Thank you  
Nick Verducci

Sent from my iPhone



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**To:** J Webster  
**Subject:** RE: [External] summer flounder comments

**From:** J Webster [mailto:yardbird721@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 12:45 PM  
**To:** Comments <comments@asmfc.org>  
**Subject:** [External] summer flounder comments

we would like to see a slot limit on fluke something like 2 @ 15 1/2" to under 18" and 1 over 20" per angler a day as most of the fluke over 18" are females could try for a year or 2 and reassess. thanks john c. webster

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**To:** Scott Wilson  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Fluke regs

-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Wilson [mailto:cornhill@netzero.net]  
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:33 PM  
To: Comments <comments@asmfc.org>  
Subject: [External] Fluke regs

I think the current regs of 3 fish @18" is not the way to rebuild the stock. Every fish I fillet over 18" is female. That is not the way to build and keep a sustainable fishery. I would propose 2 fish 14-16" and one trophy 18" or greater. Please think about all the dead fish released while trying to catch an 18" fish. This is not the way to rebuild a stock and fishery.

Thanks  
Scott Wilson

Sent from my iPhone

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