

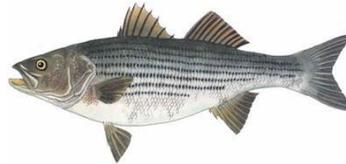


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Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council, Striped Bass Advisory Panel

January 18, 2011
University of Rhode Island
Graduate School of Oceanography
Corliss Auditorium

1. Dan Costa , Rhode Island Marine Fisheries ACCSP Coordinator gave a short presentation on Electronic Recreational Logbooks, the usefulness of the data and offered help for any voluntary participants.
2. **Review Striped Bass Stock Status** - Marine Fisheries representative, Scott Olszewski reported on the ASMFC Striped Bass Management Board approval of Addendum II. By approving this Addendum the coastal commercial quota remained unchanged and the juvenile abundance index management trigger improved. The figures presented to the Panel show female spawning stock biomass and total biomass above the specified targets and threshold. However the 2010 Maryland Young of the Year index was remains low. According to the 2008 Striped Bass Stock Assessment Report, the Striped Bass fishery is not considered overfished and overfishing is not occurring. The Management Board did ask for an updated assessment for 2011 to indicate whether downward trends in SSB and the Young of the Year survey are short or long term and if corrective management may be needed.
3. **Development of the 2011 fish trap commercial striped bass season and quota allocation.**
Motion by Alan Gliden for the 2011 fishery for the **Fish Trap** sector remain status quo from the 2010 fishery.
Second
All in favor
None opposed
Motion passes as the approved Advisory Panel Option.

**2011 Proposed Fish Trap Commercial Fishery
Striped Bass**

Minimum Size - 26" TL

January 1 – August 26 -One hundred percent (100%) of the floating trap quota shall be available from January 1 through August 26 minus a 10,000 pound set aside. Once eighty percent (80%) of the seasonal allocation is projected to be harvested the possession limit shall be 500 pounds per fish trap licensee per calendar day.

August 27 -- December 31 -The 10,000 pound floating fish trap quota set aside shall be available from August 27 through December 31 with no limit on possession. The fishery shall close once the entire floating trap quota is harvested.

4. Development of the 2011 General Category commercial striped bass season and quota allocation.

Discussion – Overage in the spring and fall season was due to a long holiday weekend in the early summer and a one day opening in the fall which led to the 9313 lb. overage.

Proposal 1

Motion by Bob Beresford for the 2011 General Category Striped Bass season to be as follows:

Summer period – June 6th - 80 % of total annual quota to be harvested

Fall period – September 4th – 20 % of total annual quota to be harvested

No commercial possession or sale Friday and Saturday throughout.

34" minimum size

Second by Ray Jobin

**2011 Proposed General Category Commercial Fishery
Striped Bass**

Minimum Size - 34" TL

January 1 – May 31 The commercial fishery will be CLOSED from January 1 through May 31, annually.

June 6 – August 31 Eighty percent (80%) of the commercial quota will be available from June 6– August 31. The possession limit will be five (5) fish per vessel per calendar day. The fishery will be closed in each calendar week from 12:00 AM Friday until 11:59 PM Saturday during this sub period. There will be no commercial possession or sale of striped bass on these days. The fishery will close once eighty percent (80%) of the commercial quota is projected to be harvested if prior to August 31.

September 13- December 31 Twenty percent (20%) of the commercial quota will be available from September 4 - December 31. The possession limit will be five (5) fish per vessel per calendar day. The fishery will be closed in each calendar week from 12:00 AM Friday until 11:59 PM Saturday during this sub period. There will be no commercial possession or sale of striped bass on these days. The fishery will close when the entire commercial quota is projected to be harvested.

6 in favor

1 opposed

1 abstention

Motion passes as the approved Advisory Panel Option.

Proposal 2 submitted by unknown commercial striped bass fishermen.

Opening the first Sunday in June annually. Eighty percent (80%) of the commercial quota will be available during this period. The possession limit will be five (5) fish per vessel per calendar day. The fishery will be closed in each calendar week from 12:00 AM Friday until 11:59 PM Saturday during this sub period. There will be no commercial possession or sale of striped bass on these days. The fishery will close once eighty percent (80%) of the commercial quota is projected to be harvested if prior to August 31.

September 13- December 31 Twenty percent (20%) of the commercial quota will be available from September 4 - December 31. The possession limit will be five (5) fish per vessel per calendar day. The fishery will be closed in each calendar week from 12:00 AM Friday until 11:59 PM Saturday during this sub period. There will be no commercial possession or sale of striped bass on these days. The fishery will close when the entire commercial quota is projected to be harvested.

There was no second on the proposal.

Proposal 3 Status Quo from 2010 Commercial Striped Bass Fishery (General Category)

June 6 – August 31 Seventy five percent (75%) of the commercial quota will be available during this period. The possession limit will be five (5) fish per vessel per calendar day. The fishery will be closed in each calendar week from 12:00 AM Friday until 11:59 PM Saturday during this sub period. There will be no commercial possession or sale of striped bass on these days. The fishery will close once seventy five percent (75%) of the commercial quota is projected to be harvested if prior to August 31.

September 13- December 31 Twenty five percent (25%) of the commercial quota will be available from September 13 - December 31. The possession limit will be five (5) fish per vessel per calendar day. The fishery will be closed in each calendar week from 12:00 AM Friday until 11:59 PM Saturday during this sub period. There will be no commercial possession or sale of striped bass on these days. The fishery will close when the entire commercial quota is projected to be harvested.

Motion by R. Jobin to include Status Quo option for public hearing.

Second by A. Dangelo

2 in favor

4 opposed

2 abstentions

It should be noted that there is a strong preference for Option 1

5. 2011 Recreational Striped Bass Fishery

All in favor of Status quo.

None opposed.

Meeting adjourned.

Attendance:

Ray Jobin
Bob Beresford
Joe Macari
Mike Lanni
Ken Booth
Edwin Cook
Jerry Tremblay
Dennis Zambratta
Alan Glidden
Ray Masciarrlli
Bart Wagner
Andy Dangelo
Rick Bellavance