#### VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

### FINFISH MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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# VMRC COMMISSION ROOM, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.

## **AGENDA**

- I. FMAC Introductions; Announcements
- II. Approval of FMAC minutes from October 20, 2014 meeting
- III. Discussion: Addendum IV to Amendment 6 to the Atlantic Striped Bass Interstate Fishery Management Plan:
  - a. Update on commercial fishery quotas
    - i. 25% Coastal fishery reduction as presented in Table 1.
    - ii. 20.5% Chesapeake Bay reduction from 2012 harvest of 1,339,619 pounds. The 2014 allowable harvest (quota) would be 1,064,997 pounds..
  - b. Coastal recreational management options
    - i. 25% reduction options presented in Table 2.
  - c. Chesapeake Bay recreational management option
    - i. 20.5% reduction options presented in Table 3.
- IV. New business
- V. Adjournment

Table 1: Coastal Commercial Fishery Option B16 from draft Addendum IV. This was the only option available to the Striped Bass Management Board from the draft Addendum and has been adopted by ASMFC for implementation by January 1, 2015.

|                             | For Reference Option B16 |                                       | For Reference         |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| State                       | Am6 Quota<br>(lbs)       | 25% reduction from<br>Am6 Quota (lbs) | 2013 Harvest<br>(lbs) |
| Maine                       | 250*                     | 188                                   | 0                     |
| New Hampshire               | 5,750*                   | 4,313                                 | 0                     |
| Massachusetts               | 1,159,750                | 869,813                               | 1,002,519             |
| Rhode Island                | 243,625†                 | 182,719                               | 231,280               |
| Connecticut                 | 23,750**                 | 17,813                                | 1,479                 |
| New York                    | 1,061,060†               | 795,795                               | 823,801               |
| New Jersey                  | 321,750**                | 241,313                               | 6,096                 |
| Delaware                    | 193,447                  | 145,085                               | 191,424               |
| Maryland                    | 131,560†                 | 98,670                                | 93,532                |
| Virginia                    | 184,853                  | 138,640                               | 182,427               |
| North Carolina              | 480,480                  | 360,360                               | 0                     |
| Coastal Total               | 3,806,275                | 2,854,706                             | 2,532,558             |
| % Diff from<br>2013 harvest | +50                      | +13                                   | 0                     |

Table 2: Coastal Recreational Fishery Options from draft Addendum IV. These options meeting the minimum 25% reduction and can be implemented on a state-by-state basis.

| Coastal Recreational Fishery (All jurisdictions would implement) |                      |                    |                |                               |  |  |  |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Option   | Bag Limit            | Size limit         | Trophy fish    | % reduction from 2013 harvest |  |  |  |
| B1   | 1                    | 28" min            | n/a            | 31%                           |  |  |  |
| B2   | 1                    | 30" min            | n/a            | greater than 31% <sup>3</sup> |  |  |  |
| В3   | 1                    | 32" min            | n/a            | greater than 31% <sup>3</sup> |  |  |  |
| B4   | 1                    | 28-40" slot        | n/a            | greater than 31% <sup>3</sup> |  |  |  |
| B5   | 2                    | 33" min            | n/a            | 29%                           |  |  |  |
| B6   | 2                    | 28-34" slot        | n/a            | 28%                           |  |  |  |
| <b>B</b> 7   | 2 (1 slot, 1 trophy) | 1 fish 28-34" slot | 1 fish 36" min | 28%³                          |  |  |  |
| B8   | 2 (1 slot, 1 trophy) | 1 fish 28-36" slot | 1 fish 38" min | 26%3                          |  |  |  |
| B9   | 2 (1 slot, 1 trophy) | 1 fish 28-37" slot | 1 fish 40" min | 26%3                          |  |  |  |

Table 3: Chesapeake Recreational Fishery Baywide Options from draft Addendum IV. Only Options C4 and C8 meet the requirement of a 20.5% reduction for the Chesapeake Bay recreational fishery. Options C5, C6, and C7 will not meet the requirements of Addendum IV.

| Chesapeake Bay Management Area Recreational Fishery (MD, PRFC and VA would implement) |                                |                       |                |                  |  |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|--|
| Option  | Bag Limit                      | Size limit            | Trophy fish    | % reduction from |  |
| _   | -                              |                       |                | 2013 harvest     |  |
| C4  | 2                              | 20" min               | n/a            | 22%              |  |
| C5  | 2                              | 18-26" slot           | n/a            | 18%              |  |
| <b>C6</b>   | 2 (1 slot, 1 trophy or 2 slot) | 1 or both 18-23" slot | 1 fish 36" min | 19%              |  |
| C7  | Chesapeake Bay Recrea          | 17%                   |                |                  |  |
| C/  | established bag lir            |                       |                |                  |  |
| Chesapeake Bay Recreational Quota of 1,992,819 pounds (no                             |                                |                       |                |                  |  |
| C8  | established bag lin            | 25%                   |                |                  |  |
|   | Quota is based on a            |                       |                |                  |  |