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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Dear Permit Holder:

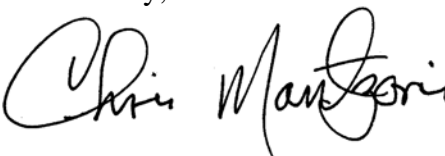
This letter is to inform you that NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has approved the final 2007 recreational management measures for the summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass fisheries. The final rule implementing these measures will be published in the Federal Register on June 1, 2007 and will remain in effect until further notification.

The tables on the reverse summarize the minimum fish size, possession limit, and fishing season for these fisheries. For the summer flounder fishery, the final rule implements conservation equivalency, as described in the proposed rule. Under conservation equivalency, each vessel is required to abide by the regulations in effect for the state in which it lands summer flounder (see Table 1). The recreational measures for scup and black sea bass contained in the final rule are unchanged from those in place for the 2006 fisheries and published in the 2007 proposed rule. In cases where state recreational measures for scup and black sea bass are different from those listed in Table 2, federally permitted party/charter vessels are required to abide by the more restrictive state or Federal measure. For example, if a state has adopted a possession limit of 60 fish for scup, a federally permitted party/charter vessel is required to abide by the 50-fish per person possession limit when landing recreationally caught fish in that state.

You may also receive permit holder letters, and find supporting documentation for these management measures, on our web site at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>. If you have questions, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315.

This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

Sincerely,


for Patricia A. Kurkul

Regional Administrator

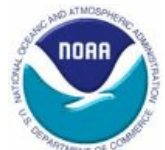


Table 1 - 2007 State Recreational Management Measures for Summer Flounder

State	Minimum Fish Size (inches)	Possession Limit (number of fish)	Fishing Season
MA	17.5	5	June 10 through August 15
RI	19.0	7	May 18 through September 16
CT	18.0	5	April 30 through September 5
NY	19.5	4	January 1 through December 31
NJ	17.0	8	May 26 through September 10
DE	18.0	4	January 1 through December 31
MD ¹	15.5	4	January 1 through December 31
VA	18.5	5	April 1 through July 22 and July 29 through December 31
NC ²	14.5	8	January 1 through December 31

¹ Measures for the Atlantic Ocean waters off MD and coastal bays; for the Chesapeake Bay, a 15.0-inch minimum fish size, a 2-fish possession limit, and a fishing season of January 1 through December 31 applies.

² Measures for the Atlantic Ocean waters off NC; for internal waters, a 14.0-inch minimum fish size, a 8-fish possession limit, and a fishing season of January 1 through December 31 applies.

Table 2 - 2007 Scup and Black Sea Bass Recreational Management Measures

Fishery	Minimum Fish Size (inches)	Possession Limit (number of fish)	Fishing Season
Scup	10	50	January 1 through February 28, and September 18 through November 30
Black Sea Bass	12	25	January 1 through December 31