



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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2015 Recreational Black Sea Bass Framework Adjustment 8

Effective Date: May 15, 2015

We have published a rule that changes the start date of the 2015 Federal recreational black sea bass season to **May 15, 2015**.

Your state may have a different starting date for the 2015 recreational black sea bass season. Federally permitted charter/party vessels are required to abide by the more restrictive set of regulations when Federal and state measures differ. If your state opens later than May 15, you may not fish under your Federal permit, even in state waters, until your state's recreational fishing season opens.

Prior to this rule, the recreational black sea bass season in Federal waters is scheduled to start on May 19, 2015. This four-day change will be offset by changes to the September/October season in a subsequent rulemaking.

Additional changes to the 2015 recreational black sea bass management measures, including additional changes to the starting date, may be necessary in order to successfully constrain catch to the 2015 recreational harvest limit. Additional changes will be announced in the *Federal Register* and we will notify you in another fishery bulletin when they are effective.

For small entity compliance guides, this bulletin complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996. This notice is authorized by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Greater Atlantic Region.