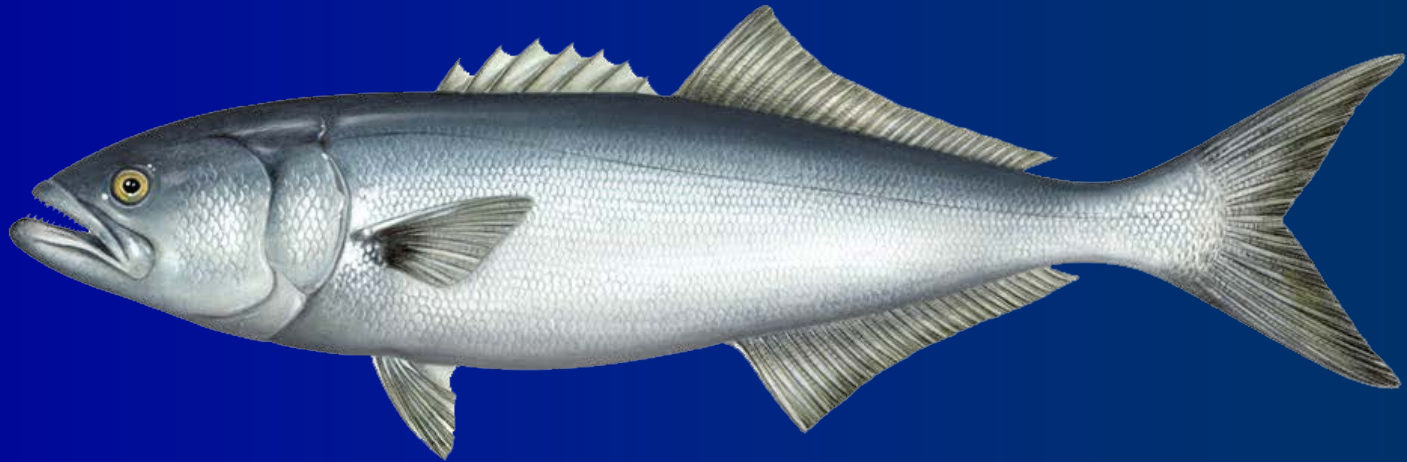
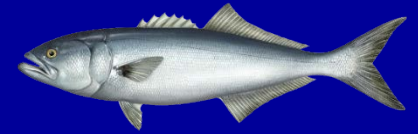


Atlantic Bluefish



Council Meeting
December 13, 2017

Meeting Outline



- As part of our 2017 implementation plan we need to initiate a bluefish amendment to review/revise the current allocations
- Current allocations
- Transfers
- Next steps/Issues for scoping

Current 2017 Allocations



State	Share (%)	Comm. Quota (lbs)
ME	0.67	57,105
NH	0.41	35,408
MA	6.72	573,755
RI	6.81	581,563
CT	1.27	108,170
NY	10.38	887,118
NJ	14.82	1,265,633
DE	1.88	160,440
MD	3.00	256,420
VA	11.88	1,014,773
NC	32.06	2,738,704
SC	0.04	3,007
GA	0.01	812
FL	10.06	859,322
Total	100.01	8,542,230

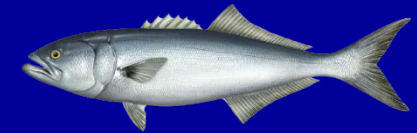
Commercial (ACT)

17% (3.509 million lbs)

Recreational (ACT)

83% (17.133 million lbs)

Commercial Transfers



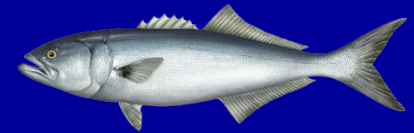
State	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total	Average
ME	-45,000	-30,000	-32,000		-107,000	-35,667
NH			-20,000		-20,000	-20,000
MA	45,000	250,000	225,000		+520,000	+173,333
RI	100,000	180,000	132,000	150,338	+562,338	+140,585
CT						
NY	250,000	550,000	420,000		+1,220,000	+406,667
NJ	-50,000		-40,000	-50,000	-140,000	-46,667
DE			-50,000		-50,000	-50,000
MD	-50,000		-50,000		-100,000	-50,000
VA		-250,000	-210,000	-338	-460,338	-153,446
NC		-550,000	-225,000	-100,000	-875,000	-291,667
SC						
GA						
FL	-250,000	-150,000	-150,000		-550,000	-183,333

Recreational Status

Year	RHL	Rec. Landings (millions of lbs)	% of Quota Landed	Transfers to Comm. (millions of lbs)
2013	14.07	16.46	117%	4.406
2014	13.62	10.46	77%	3.305
2015	12.95	11.67	90%	1.579
2016	11.58	9.54	82%	1.577
2017	9.65	N/A	N/A	Predicted: 5.033

*Rec landings have only exceeded the RHL 2x in the last 18 years.

Timeline/Next Steps



Task Description	Date (all are subject to change)
Initiation and request of FMAT participants	December 2017
Formation of FMAT	January 2018
Council meeting - discuss timeline	February 2018
Initial FMAT discussion	March 2018
Council meeting - review scoping plan and document	April 2018 (Pending on MRIP)
Scoping hearings/scoping comment period	May – End of June 2018 (Pending on MRIP)
FMAT analysis and development of alternatives	June 2018 - April 2019 (Pending on MRIP)

Potential Issues for Scoping

- Commercial and Recreational allocations
- Commercial allocations to the states
- Other issues for scoping???

*Scoping may occur prior to new MRIP numbers to simply survey the public.

Questions?



Motion

- Move that the Council/Board initiate a bluefish amendment to review and if necessary revise allocations between the commercial and recreational fisheries and the commercial allocations to the states.
 - Council:
 - Board:

Comm. Status 2016



State	Quota Pre Transfer	Transfer Status	Quota Post Transfer	Quota Landed	Percent Landed Pre Transfer	Percent Landed Post Transfer
MA	328,096	+225,000	553,096	499,968	152%	90%
RI	332,561	+132,000	464,561	462,845	139%	99%
NY	507,289	+420,000	927,289	903,153	178%	97%
VA	580,287	-210,000	370,287	129,763	22%	35%
NC	1,566,100	-225,000	1,341,100	978,505	62%	73%
FL	491,394	-150,000	341,394	186,928	38%	55%

*2014-2016 (last 3 completed years), NC has landed 70% and 82% of its 5.6 million lbs pre-transfer and 4.9 million lbs post transfer quota, respectively