

**THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB**

# **WIRELINE**

**SEPTEMBER 2022**

## **What's Inside**

**Guest Speaker: Kendall Osborne, fishing around Hampton Roads throughout the year**

### **Fishing Reports;**

- James River: Puppy Drum, Black Drum, Speckled Trout, Bluefish, Croaker
- Lynnhaven River: Puppy Drum
- Little Creek Inlet: Speckled Trout, Puppy Drum, Bluefish
- Offshore: Blue Marlin, Mahi, Blueline Tilefish, Black Sea Bass
- Chesapeake Bay: Cobia, Bluefish, Spanish Mackerel, Flounder
- Elizabeth River: Puppy Drum, Grey Trout
- Alaska: King Salmon, Silver Salmon, Pink Salmon, Halibut

# Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Lots of great fishing to be done around Hampton Roads. Please be safe out on the water, fish with friends, and don't forget to take photos and share with the newsletter.

Many Thanks to all our volunteers who helped out with the Club's events this summer. We had the Hunt for The Hardheads Challenge, Children's Surf Fishing Clinic at Back Bay Wildlife Refuge, Military Appreciation Day fishing event, and the East Ocean View Community Center Children's Head Boat Fishing Trip & Cookout. You were generous with your time and represent the best our Club has to offer.

Our next big event is the Member's Fall Social on October 15th. We've missed having this because of the pandemic. Our venue this year is the Izaak Walton League facilities in Chesapeake. It's a place you're going to enjoy! We'll have more information at the September meeting and forward directions to our membership.

- Will



On The Cover: The Lesner Bridge at Lynnhaven Inlet. While it's been a great summer of fishing everywhere in Hampton Roads some of the best fall fishing is yet to come! The Lynnhaven River, Little Creek, Lafayette and the Elizabeth Rivers are sure to offer great speckled trout and puppy drum fishing in the coming months.

## Meeting

Guest Speaker: Kendall Osborne is joining us on September 19th to discuss many of the fishing opportunities around Hampton Roads throughout the year. It's a great opportunity to learn what to catch, where, and when from our area and the Eastern Shore.

## Important:

## September 19th

## NAC Meeting at Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk, VA

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## Club Calendar

### September

Mon, Sep 19th: Regular Club Meeting, Boil Bay  
Seafood City, Norfolk

Thurs, Sep 21st: 6:00pm, ASFMC Public Hearing on the  
Interstate Fishery Management Plan for  
Atlantic Menhaden, VIMS Waterman's Hall,  
located at 1375 Greate Road, Gloucester  
Point, VA 23062

Tues, Sep 27th: Virginia Marine Resources  
Commission Meeting, Fort Monroe

### October

Sat, Oct 15th: Norfolk Anglers Club Fall Social  
(Membership Event). Izaak Walton  
League facility in Chesapeake.



Earlier this year, we told you about the RecFish app being developed by Dr. Lisa Kellogg and colleagues at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Its goal is to encourage recreational anglers to collect and contribute catch data to help improve fisheries science. Once it's fully developed, the user-friendly, free app will also tell anglers the species and length of their catch and whether it is legal to keep and safe to eat.

Dr. Kellogg says that, with the help of photos you submitted, the computer model can now identify 60 fish species with 95% accuracy and another 20 species are in the works. That represents thousands of submitted pictures!

You can help by going to [www.recfish.org](http://www.recfish.org) and uploading your fish photos. RecFish especially needs photos of:

- Kingfish (a.k.a. Roundheads, Kingcroaker, Whiting, Sea Mullet)
- Flounder and other flatfish

Phase 2 of app development is almost complete, and, when it is, you will be able to use the app to upload your fish photos directly from your phone. Until then, keep those pictures coming at [www.recfish.org](http://www.recfish.org)!



Photo: Joy Baber

**Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish Entries**  
**January 1, 2022 -August 31, 2022**

Freshwater		Saltwater	
Species	Name (#Entries)	Species	Name (#Entries)
Crappie	James Eisenhower (5) Russell Willoughby (6)	Shark	Kelly Hoggard (2)
Chain Pickerel	Russell Willoughby (1)	Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard (1)
Blue Catfish	Mary Troutner (1) George Langdon (1)	Speckled Trout	James Eisenhower (8) Ned Smith (1) Bert Sainz (1) Louis Glaser (1)
		Cobia	Alex Perez, Sr (2)
		Red Drum	Kelly Hoggard (1)
		Blueline Tilefish	Jere Humphrey (1)
		Blue Marlin	Mike Hubert (1)

\*\*\*\*Virginia Saltwater Tournament (Saltwater) or Department of Wildlife Resources (Freshwater) Citation paperwork or the Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish entry form must be submitted to James "Ike" Eisenhower via email to [NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com](mailto:NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com)

***For the 2022 Tournaments, ALL entries need to be submitted to [NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com](mailto:NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com)***

***Documentation from Virginia or North Carolina Fisheries or Wildlife agencies, as well as, the Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish paperwork is acceptable.***

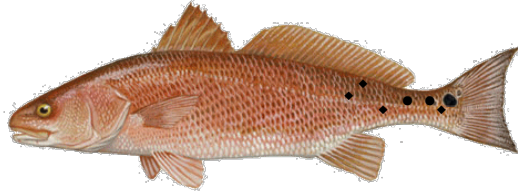


**Speckled Trout**  
**Club Members Tournament**  
**May 1st - November 30th**



- This is a Norfolk Anglers Club Members tournament running from May 1st until November 30th
- Targeted Species is Speckled Trout (any length)
- \$5 Entry Fee due before fishing
- For fish caught in Virginia and/or North Carolina waters only
- This is a Total Length Tournament Only
- Winner determined by; 1. Total Length of fish, 2. Date of Catch, 3. Date of entry submission
- 1st Place \$100 Gift Card and 2nd Place \$50 Gift Card
- All fishing must be in accordance with State fishing regulations for recreational anglers
- Entries must be submitted via the Norfolk Anglers Prize Fish Entry Form (Available at [www.NorfolkAnglersClub.com](http://www.NorfolkAnglersClub.com)) and submitted by email to [NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com](mailto:NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com)

# Club Members Tournament for 2022



## Redfish "Spots" Tournament

### Rules

- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022
- Must have the Norfolk Anglers Club decal in the photo with the fish on a measuring device\* showing the total length of the fish. See NAC Prize Fish Contest Rules for measuring info. \*Entries received with decal and no measurement can only be judged by number of spots.
- Red Drum/Redfish up to 26 inches in length only and caught in Virginia and North Carolina waters
- Awards determined by 1st: number of Spots (on one side), 2nd: Largest Fish up to 26 inches, 3rd: Date of Catch
- Entries submitted on the Club Prize Fish Entry Form with photo (can be sent electronically to [NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com](mailto:NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com))
- No entry fee except the cost of the decal (\$1)
- \$50.00 Gift Card to the 1st Place Angler, \$25.00 Gift Card for the 2nd Place Angler.



## Oyster Toadfish Tournament

### Rules

- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022
- Awards determined by 1.Total Weight, 2. Date of catch, 3. Date of entry submission
- Additional Award for Best Oyster Toad Photo
- Entries submitted by email to [NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com](mailto:NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com) in the form of a Fishing Report; who was fishing, stating total weight, with photo of the fish on the scale
- Weighing need not be on a certified scale and may be done by the angler, just try an avoid weighing fish on a pitching boat
- No entry fee (we would never charge a fee for catching Toads)
- Winners will be determined by our Tournament Director

"AJ" Perez, the Oyster Toadfish Tournament Director (OTTD)





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<u><b>BLUEFISH</b></u> (GREATER THAN 36 INCHES) 	<u><b>TAUTOG</b></u> 	<u><b>COBIA</b></u> 	<u><b>RED DRUM</b></u> 
<u><b>SHEEPSHEAD</b></u> 	<u><b>SPADEFISH</b></u> (GREATER THAN 12 INCHES) 	<u><b>SPANISH MACKEREL</b></u> (GREATER THAN 22 INCHES) 	<u><b>SPECKLED TROUT</b></u> (GREATER THAN 22 INCHES) 
<u><b>BLACK DRUM</b></u> 	<u><b>TILEFISH</b></u> (BLUELINE OR GOLDEN) 	<u><b>WRECKFISH, SNOWY GROUPE, .</b></u> 	

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# East Ocean View

August 9, 2022: The best report we got from our young anglers when they ran into the gym after their fishing trip was "every one of us caught something". One of these youngsters caught 19 fish. They came to the center and chowed down on mac and cheese, baked beans, hot dogs, hamburgers and watermelon. Needless to say these hungry kids and chaperones devoured everything. There was endless chatter at the tables about the great fishing day had by all....including chaperones. As always we are already planning for next year. These Ocean View Rec Center kids love our yearly trip. Many THANKS to all the volunteers who made this trip possible on the boat and at the cook out. Special THANKS to VMRC and the Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB) for their sponsorship of this annual event.

- Ned and Michel Smith





# Children's Fishing Trip





# Fishing Reports...

22 AUG: Inshore with Mike Hubert, Dan Mount (Mike Davis' guest), and Mike Davis, ventured out for Cobia. We drove the median (between the two bridge lanes of the CBBT) and saw a lot of fish finder fish, but no significant bites and zero visuals on Cobia. A fast-moving rain squall chased us over to Latimer Shoals where just after we got set up for some chumming action, the squall caught us. It poured for about 30 minutes and soon after the precipitation stopped, we had our first (and only) Cobia. Dan (from Illinois) got his first shot at handling the fish and even though it was a bit short, it put up a good fight. We could call it a release, but he broke off just as he got to the boat the second time.

23 AUG: Offshore with Mike Hubert, Dan Mount (Mike Davis' guest), Gregg Rogers, Mike Burton, and Mike Davis in Hoosier Cruiser. We staged out of Rudee inlet the evening before and left at 3:00 AM. After digesting Friday's Rudow's Fish Talk reports, we started at the north side of the Norfolk Canyon and trolled roughly along the 100-fathom curve toward the Washington Canyon, where Fish Talk indicated a wide variety of fish were being taken.

About halfway to Washington Canyon, the juices started flowing with a first Mahi hit. We landed a couple and lost one when we got the strike of the day. It was truly a team effort when we realized this strike wasn't "just another Mahi", but rather a large Blue Marlin. She danced behind the boat, with only her tail still in the water and shaking her head furiously for what seemed like minutes, but was probably only about 10 seconds. Then she dove and started taking line, and taking line, and did I mention, taking line! Mike Hubert had the honors with the rod, and Mike Burton was the expert "coach".

Mike Hubert was locked into battle w/our beast for well over 75 minutes and we truly appreciated the magnificence of this beauty once we had her alongside.

She was estimated to be 7 feet and somewhere between 300 and 350 lbs. A citation-maker for Mike Hubert, she was a catch and release fish, and I'm happy to say - swam away looking none the worse for the wear.



Although a great team effort, we can all tip our caps to Mike Hubert and Mike Burton for their tremendous efforts!

8/24/22. Inshore Mike Hubert, Dan Mount, and Mike Davis. Headed back to Latimer Shoals to chum for Cobia, but didn't get a single bite - that we saw. A number of our eels came back with zero bodies, but there wasn't a lot of action, I expect at least due in part to a current flow of about 3 knots, which made holding, even with the emergence anchor added on quite a challenge.



We salvaged the day by trolling near 3rd Island for our limit on bluefish (5 knots) and then up Thimble Shoals Channel for some very nice Spanish Mackerel.

8/24/22. After a short break to find some dinner, Dan Mount and Mike Davis ventured out locally on the Elizabeth River. In addition to a fabulous sunset with a Norwegian Cruise liner leaving Norfolk, we found not only some bait stealers but also some nice puppy drums.

We were successful with a range of artificials, including white and yellow Gulp, small spoons, and the like on lightweight rigs. Dan caught a very nice 24" puppy, and Mike caught the first grey trout I've seen on the Elizabeth River in years. Any fishtail would be lacking without a description of the one that got away.

Mike picked up what was either a big Red Drum or a shark. The identity will remain a mystery as the fish took off much like the Marlin from the previous day and there was no amount of drag that was going to slow him down. Unfortunately, after several minutes he broke off, but I saw and felt enough to want a rematch (with heavier gear) sometime soon!

- Mike Davis



18 AUG: Went to the James River by myself. The best fishing for puppy drum that I have ever had. Used a 4-ounce egg sinker with a 3-foot leader and circle hook baited with blue crab cut in quarters.

The first fish was a 32-inch. While I was landing him, I got another strike on my other pole. Lost that fish as it went under the boat and broke my line. Shortly after that caught one 33 inches.

Both of these were released. After that, I got two that were 26 inches. Those I brought home.

Had to go to my neighbor's house for the picture. - John Curry







23 AUG: George Langdon, Ryan (a Friend of George's), and I went fishing for Drum on the James River. We were there no longer than three minutes and George caught his black drum. The black drums were caught using crab and the puppy drum on minnows during an ebb tide.

- John Curry



3 AUG: After dinner, Mary and I headed out with John Curry for a couple of hours of Red & Black Drum fishing on the James River. We have been bottom fishing lately using crabs and minnows, and catching nice Reds and Blacks in the same location. After losing a couple of nice fish, Mary finally connected with a nice 30" Black which was released and I caught 20" Red which we kept for dinner. You never know what you will catch on the James River and I also caught a 2.24 lb. toadfish which you can see from the picture managed to get his revenge on my thumb.

- Henry and Mary Troutner



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28 AUG: Bert and I went out to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel for some flounder hunting. The day had light winds out of the east, calm seas, but heavy currents.

We started jiggling for flounder past the fourth island; got a throwback and many toads. We continued fishing around the 4th, then to the 3rd and 2nd, but had no flounder bites.

Finally, after four hours of fishing, we decided to end our trip on the 1st. The 3rd drift finally paid dividends, a 26-inch, 6 1/2-pound flounder on the top hook of my rig.

Two drifts later we picked up a nice 21-inch. We were using flounder belly, cobia belly, and live mullet. The Big Boy took a piece of flounder belly on the top hook of my double jig. Persistence pays off eventually. *Thanks to Captain Bert for putting me on the bite!* - Ned Smith



25 AUG: Mary and I fished with John Curry on the James River. Fishing for Red and Black Drum close to the bridge we've been experiencing a lot of lost fish. This day we managed to boat three Reds, all over the slot and Mary caught a nice 22-inch Speckled Trout. A couple of Blues, Croakers, and a Ray rounder out our catch. We lost three other Reds to break off. Bait was Minnows and crabs. Somehow, I messed up the picture of Mary's Red.

- Mary and Henry Troutner



**HAVE A  
GREAT LABOR  
DAY**



Mary and I just returned from two weeks in Alaska. While there we spent two days fishing out of Homer, the “Halibut Capital of the World.” The town is beautiful, with a narrow finger of land running out to a harbor containing hundreds of fishing boats. The marina is at least 5X that at Oregon Inlet. The waters fished are surrounded by snow-capped mountains, several of which are active volcanos.

We fished Wednesday, August 10, for Salmon. Alaska fishing regulations do not allow fishing for Halibut on Wednesdays. This was a beautiful day, calm, and the warmest sunniest day we spent in Alaska. We were fishing with 3 other people, a young active-duty Coast Guard Bosun, his dad, and his aunt. Fishing small spoons behind 10-inch flashers trolled very slow from down riggers 40’ deep in 80’ of water led to a nonstop bite until we all had our limit of King, Silver, and Pink. Mary also caught a nice Halibut which had to be released.



# ALASKA!





Thursday, Mary and I Halibut fished on a different 6-person charter. What a change in weather. We arrived at the boat to a wind-blown, cold steady rain, with waves predicted to 10 feet by the afternoon.

We were allowed two halibuts each and the captain said let's get this done. We ran about 1 1/2 hours before we started fishing with several other boats around us.

We were bottom fishing with a 24 oz sinker on a fish finder rig with a huge hook and half a herring for bait. The first drop I caught a Halibut and we began a steady pick.

Within a half hour, the seas were building steady and the other boats had left. You could no longer hold your rod and reel in a fish as you needed one hand to hold the rail to stay on your feet. You needed to put the rod in a holder and reel it in while holding onto the rail. Mary and I had boxed three nice Halibut and started releasing them in case we got a monster. We had released four, all good fish. Everyone had their two fish limit except me and another guy who needed one. The seas were still building when I boxed my 2nd fish. Shortly afterward I hooked another and gave the rod to the last man who needed one for his limit.

- Henry and Mary Troutner

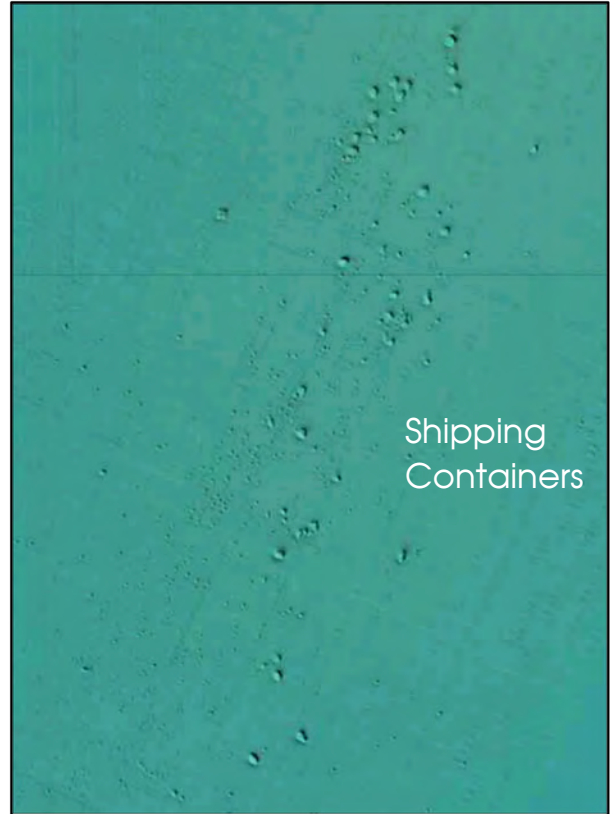




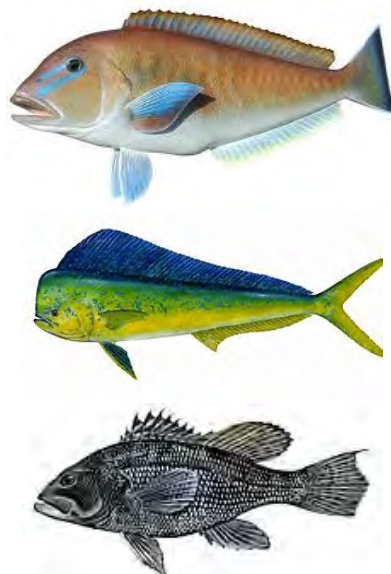
28 Aug: Headed out with Norfolk Anglers Mike Hubert, Chris Webb and his Son Lasalle for a day fishing new locations. Our goal was to prospect some new spots for Tilefish and drop on a few new locations. One of the "new locations" was an area where 70 shipping containers when overboard a few years ago (photo lower right). They were pretty scattered around, but every time we drifted over them the fish were easily marked around the structure. During one of our drifts we noticed a few mahi around the boat, hooking one and keeping the school interested, we bailed a total of 12 Mahi in quick order. I tagged an additional female and released it for the DolphinFish Research Program (<https://dolphintagging.com>). We headed further south and tried our luck around the South Tower and had no luck at all! We then headed to a few Blueline Tilefish areas I wanted to prospect. The first two didn't work out but when we hit the 3rd in 350 ft, we started hauling in the tiles. We boated our limit and then moved on to a Golden Tile spot I wanted to try. Despite finding a nice sticky bottom mud ideal for Golden Tiles in 800-900 ft it didn't work out.

Back at the Rudee Boat Ramp it was a good day. We had some nice Bluelines, Mahi, and Black Sea Bass, tagged and released some Sea Bass, and tagged a Mahi for the DolphinFish Research Program.

- Will Bransom



Shipping Containers



Navy "South Tower"



IKE: Reports of several days' fishing.

Lynnhaven puppies:

Russell got me out one day 8/12 in the morning when the NE wind was blowing keeping the water in the Lynnhaven at high tide. It was a beautiful day and Russell got the first fish, a 25-inch puppy drum at the first cove we ventured in within 15 minutes of fish. We were using minnow under bobbbers since the crabs were eating everything fished on the bottom. Then we proceeded to fish every cove we could think of for three hours before I caught the next one at 21 inches. Once the tide reached low, we gave up. But it was a beautiful morning of fishing. Thanks, Russell.



Topwater Morning with Louis:

Despite my limited ability to get around with my broken hips, Louis has been getting me out in his Carolina Skiff to fish the Little Creek at daybreak looking for the reds, bluefish, and speckled trout that show up when we use topwater lures. Most days we have been lucky to catch a few bluefish on topwater which is a blast. But on the 18th at daybreak, I was lucky enough to hook a 26-inch puppy drum along with a limit of tailor bluefish. It smashed a Hadden One Knocker Spook and gave me a great fight at the last place we fished that day. We routinely fish the LC side of the jetties both in the channel and on the LCAC side and the point red marker.



Last week Louis and I fished three mornings in a row and consistently got a bluefish limit (3 per) or better. On the 25th I was lucky enough to hook a 23-inch striper who gave me a good fight and I quickly released it after we got the photo. I thought it was a speckled trout at first. But regardless I caught an 18-inch speckled trout a little later in addition to a limit of bluefish. Louis has been doing quite well with the bluefish and speckled trout in both morning and sunset trips as well. The bite has been picking up and the bait is everywhere which is probably why we getting the variety now. Topwater action is the most fun since it's so visual and the blues are very likely to go airborne on you as you fight them. This has been a great week with the New Moon keeping the water high. Many thanks to Louis Glaser for getting me out to fish. - Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower



# Angler Interests

## Public Hearing on Atlantic Menhaden Fishery Management Plan Amendment



September 21 2022: ASMFC has scheduled hearings to gather public input on the Draft Addendum I to Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Menhaden, which considers potential changes to current provisions for commercial allocations, the episodic event set aside (EESA) program, and the incidental catch and small-scale fisheries (IC/SSF) provision. Virginia's public hearing will be on Wednesday, September 21, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The hearing will take place at VIMS Waterman's Hall, located at 1375 Greate Road,

Gloucester Point, VA 23062. The Draft Addendum and instructions for public comment are available at <http://www.asmfc.org/about-us/public-input> (scroll down to Atlantic menhaden).

## Proposed Changes to Recreational Flounder, Scup, and Sea Bass Allocations



NOAA Fisheries is seeking comments on proposed changes to the commercial and recreational allocations for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass. The proposed changes were developed and approved by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board (Board) and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council).

Comments must be received by September 12, 2022.

You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2022-0042, by the following method:

- **Electronic Submission:**

Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter NOAA-NMFS-2022-0042 in the Search box. Click on the "Comment" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

**Instructions:**

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## TKAA Tournament to Benefit Heroes on the Water & Project healing Waters

TOURNAMENT DATE: September 24, 2022

MANDATORY Captains Meeting Friday evening, Sept. 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. @ Lake Wright Convention Center 6280 Northhampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23502

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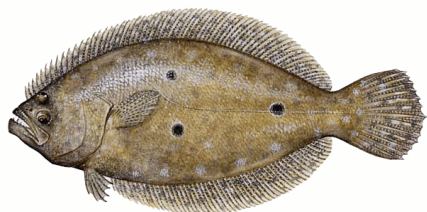
Location: Anglers may fish anywhere in Virginia provided it is open to the public and is public access (launches). No private ponds, lakes, military bases, etc. Tournament Headquarters: Lake Wright Convention Center 6280 Northhampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA (at intersection of I-64 & Northhampton Blvd) Special TKAA room rates available.

Entry Fee: \$75.00 per angler on or before Sept 11th. \$85 per angler after Sept. 12th. Youth price is \$40 per angler.





# Angler Interests



## Summary of Proposed Changes

NOAA Fisheries is seeking comments on proposed changes to the commercial and recreational allocations for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass. The proposed changes were developed and approved by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board (Board) and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council).

The current commercial and recreational allocations for all three species were set in the mid-1990s based on historical proportions of landings (for summer flounder and black sea bass) or catch (for scup) from each sector. The Council and Board developed this amendment partly in response to recent changes in how recreational catch is estimated by the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP), which resulted in a revised time series of recreational data going back to the 1980s. The revision created a mismatch between the data that were used to set the allocations and the data currently used in management for setting catch limits. In addition, some changes have been made to commercial catch data since the allocations were established.

For all three species, these changes result in a shift in allocation from the commercial to the recreational sector. However, because the summer flounder and black sea bass fisheries will be transitioning from landings-based to catch-based allocations, the current and revised allocations for those species are not directly comparable.

## Current Commercial and Recreational Allocations

Species	Base Years	Data Type	Commercial Allocation Percentage (%)	Recreational Allocation Percentage (%)
Summer Flounder	1980-1989	Commercial and Recreational Landings	60	40
Scup	1988-1992	Commercial and Recreational Catch	78	22
Black Sea Bass	1983-1992	Commercial and Recreational Landings	49	51

## Proposed Commercial and Recreational Allocations

Species	Base Years	Data Type	Commercial Allocation Percentage (%)	Recreational Allocation Percentage (%)
Summer Flounder	1980-1989	Commercial and Recreational Catch	55	45
Scup	1988-1992	Commercial and Recreational Catch	65	35
Black Sea Bass	1983-1992	Commercial and Recreational Catch	45	55





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