



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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Federally Permitted Dealers

Effective Date: September 27, 2017

We have partially approved the Mid-Atlantic Unmanaged Forage Omnibus Amendment, regulations implementing this amendment will be effective on September 27, 2017. This action maintains recent catch levels for certain forage species and species groups while collecting additional information on the catch of these species. Measures for Mid-Atlantic Forage Species and Atlantic Chub Mackerel are listed on the table below. A full summary of the regulations can be found at: www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov.

Measures	Mid-Atlantic Forage Species*	Atlantic Chub Mackerel
Permit	All commercial vessels and operators that catch and/or possess Mid-Atlantic forage species and/or Atlantic chub mackerel must be issued a commercial vessel and operator permit from our office.	
Annual Landing Limit	None.	2.86 million lb, applicable to all chub mackerel landed in ports from North Carolina through Maine.
Possession Limit	1,700 lb per trip for all forage species combined.	Unlimited initially, but reduced to 40,000 lb per trip once the annual landing limit is caught.
Transiting provision	A commercial vessel may transit the Mid-Atlantic Forage Species Management Unit (chart and coordinates are listed below) with an amount of Mid-Atlantic forage species or Atlantic chub mackerel on board that exceeds the possession limits to land in a port in a state that is outside of the Mid-Atlantic Forage Species Management Unit, provided that the fish were harvested outside of the Mid-Atlantic Forage Species Management Unit and that all gear is stowed and not available for immediate use while transiting.	

*See below for complete list of Mid-Atlantic Forage Species

Reporting Requirements

Federally permitted dealers must comply with existing dealer report requirements through SAFIS for reporting the catch of Mid-Atlantic forage species and Atlantic chub mackerel. SAFIS codes for each of these species and species groups are listed in the table below.

We have developed a forage species identification guide that will help you identify forage species and the species code to use through SAFIS. The guide will be available at your local port agent's office, on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's website: <http://www.mafmc.org/forage>.

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.

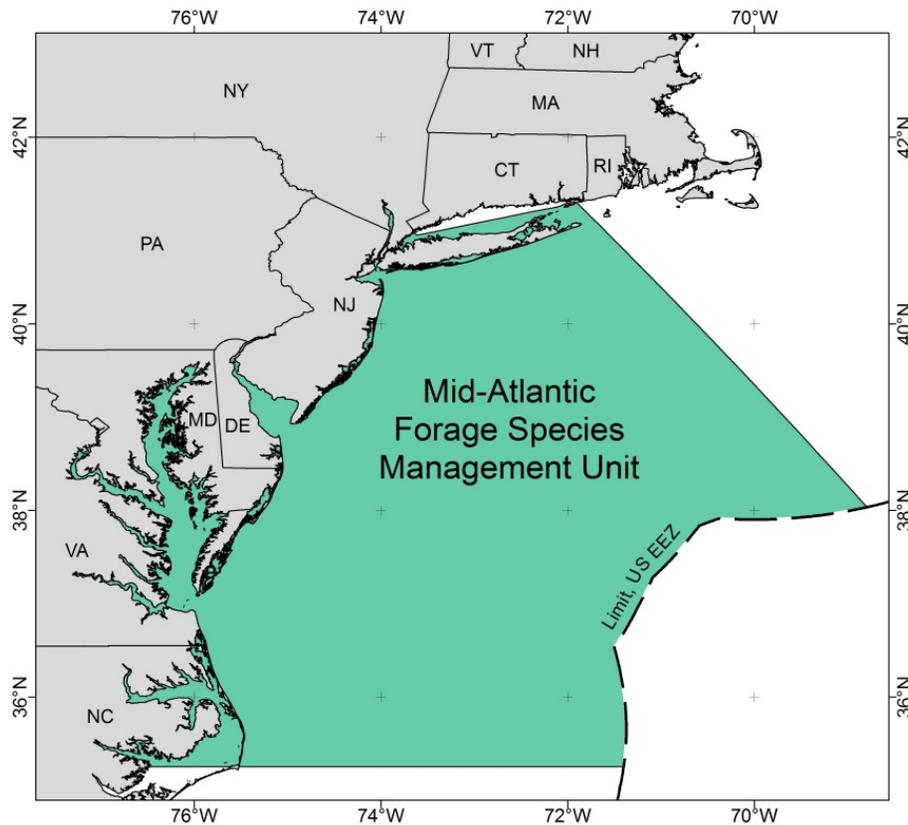
Mid-Atlantic Forage Species Groups and Species

1,700 lb trip possession limit

Common Names/SAFIS Codes

Anchovies
Argentines/Smelt Herring
Greeneyes
Halfbeaks
Lanternfishes
Round Herring
Scaled Sardine
Atlantic Thread Herring
Spanish Sardine
Pearlsides/Deepsea Hatchetfish
Sandlances
Silversides
Cusk-eels
Atlantic Saury
Unclassified Molluscs
Other Crustaceans/Shellfish
Atlantic Chub Mackerel

Management Unit



Management Unit Coordinates

Point	Latitude	Longitude	Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	40°59.32' N.	73°39.62' W.	23	40°38.39' N.	71°14.60' W.
2	40°59.02' N.	73°39.41' W.	24	40°30.39' N.	71°6.72' W.
3	40°57.05' N.	73°36.78' W.	25	40°22.38' N.	70°58.87' W.
4	40°57.87' N.	73°32.85' W.	26	40°14.36' N.	70°51.05' W.
5	40°59.78' N.	73°23.70' W.	27	40°6.33' N.	70°43.27' W.
6	41°1.57' N.	73°15.00' W.	28	39°58.29' N.	70°35.51' W.
7	41°3.40' N.	73°6.10' W.	29	39°50.24' N.	70°27.78' W.
8	41°4.65' N.	73°0.00' W.	30	39°42.18' N.	70°20.09' W.
9	41°6.67' N.	72°50.00' W.	31	39°34.11' N.	70°12.42' W.
10	41°8.69' N.	72°40.00' W.	32	39°26.04' N.	70°4.78' W.
11	41°10.79' N.	72°29.45' W.	33	39°17.96' N.	69°57.18' W.
12	41°12.22' N.	72°22.25' W.	34	39°9.86' N.	69°49.6' W.
13	41°13.57' N.	72°15.38' W.	35	39°1.77' N.	69°42.05' W.
14	41°14.94' N.	72°8.35' W.	36	38°53.66' N.	69°34.53' W.
15	41°15.52' N.	72°5.41' W.	37	38°45.54' N.	69°27.03' W.
16	41°17.43' N.	72°1.18' W.	38	38°37.42' N.	69°19.57' W.
17	41°18.62' N.	71°55.80' W.	39	38°29.29' N.	69°12.13' W.
18	41°18.27' N.	71°54.47' W.	40	38°21.15' N.	69°4.73' W.
19	41°10.31' N.	71°46.44' W.	41	38°13.00' N.	68°57.35' W.
20	41°2.35' N.	71°38.43' W.	42	38°4.84' N.	68°49.99' W.
21	40°54.37' N.	71°30.45' W.	43 *	38°2.21' N.	68°47.62' W.
22	40°46.39' N.	71°22.51' W.			

* Point 43 falls on the U.S. EEZ.