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Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass **2019 Recreational Management Measures**

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For the summer flounder recreational fishery, we are continuing “conservation equivalency.” This means we waive the federal recreational bag limit, minimum fish size, and fishing season, and vessel owners are subject to regulations in the state where they land. **Please contact individual states for information on state summer flounder regulations.**

The 2019 black sea bass and scup recreational measures are unchanged from last year. For black sea bass, the federal waters open season is from May 15 through December 31, the federal minimum fish size is 12.5 inches, and the per-person possession limit is 15 black sea bass per trip. For scup, the season is open year-round, the minimum fish size is 9 inches, and the per-person possession limit is 50 scup per trip.

Please keep in mind that if the federal minimum size, possession limit, and/or season differ from the regulations for the state in which you will be landing, you must follow the more restrictive regulations.

If you have additional questions on the recreational management measures after reading this letter, please call the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315.

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