

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 1e. **RECREATIONAL BLACK SEA BASS**

***Note: Black sea bass options are based on preliminary calculations;
exact dates may change**

OPTION 1: Reduction based on shortened late season

73.14 Black Sea Bass

73.14.1 Recreational:

(A) Minimum size: Fourteen inches (14"). Minimum size measurement for black sea bass does not include the tendril located on the caudal (tail) fin.

(B) Seasons and possession limits:

(1) July 2 through August 31: One (1) fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.

(2) September 1 through ~~October 10~~ **December 31**: Seven (7) fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.

OPTION 2: Reduction based on 3 fish with shortened late season

7.14.1 Recreational:

(A) Minimum size: Fourteen inches (14"). Minimum size measurement for black sea bass does not include the tendril located on the caudal (tail) fin.

(B) Seasons and possession limits:

(1) July 2 through August ~~17~~ **31**: ~~One (1)~~ **Three (3)** fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.

~~(2) September 1 through December 31: Seven (7) fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.~~

OPTION 3: Reduction based on 3 fish with shortened early season

7.14.1 Recreational:

(A) Minimum size: Fourteen inches (14"). Minimum size measurement for black sea bass does not include the tendril located on the caudal (tail) fin.

(B) Seasons and possession limits:

(1) ~~August 10 through December 31 July 2 through August 31: One (1)~~
Three (3) fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.

~~(2) September 1 through December 31: Seven (7) fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.~~

OPTION 4: Reduction based on 2 fish early, 5 fish late, with shortened season

7.14.1 Recreational:

(A) Minimum size: Fourteen inches (14"). Minimum size measurement for black sea bass does not include the tendril located on the caudal (tail) fin.

(B) Seasons and possession limits:

(1) ~~August 2 through August 31 July 2 through August 31: One (1)~~ **Two (2)** fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.

(2) ~~September 1 through December 31:~~ **Five (5)** ~~Seven (7)~~ fish per person per calendar day, whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise.