

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 2c.
STRIPED BASS - COMMERCIAL FLOATING FISH TRAPS

Option 1: Status Quo

12.54 Commercial - Floating Fish Trap:

12.54.1 Floating fish trap operators must be permitted pursuant to RIGL §20-5-1, and abide by all conditions as specified in RIGL Chapter 20-5 and RIMFR Part XIV. Application shall be made to the DFW on forms prescribed by the Director.

12.54.2 Allocation: During a single calendar year, the floating fish trap quota shall not be more than thirty-nine percent (39%) of the annual Rhode Island commercial quota.

12.54.3 Minimum size: Twenty-six inches (26”) in total length.

12.54.4 Season: April 1 through December 31.

12.54.5 When DFW has determined that the annual quota allocated to floating fish traps has been reached, the fishery will terminate.

12.54.6 Reporting: All floating fish trap operators shall keep daily records of striped bass landings and report landings to SAFIS every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, of every week that the trap is in operation.

12.54.7 If the floating fish trap operators are found to be out of compliance with the reporting requirements, the operators will be notified, and default to following program

(A) April 1 – December 31: One hundred percent (100%) of the floating fish trap quota shall be available during this sub-period. Once eighty percent (80%) of the seasonal allocation is projected to be harvested the possession limit shall be 500 pounds per floating fish trap licensee per calendar day.