

Noticed and Supplemental Proposed Rule Changes
Part 23 - Aggregate Programs for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass

1. **Proposed amendments to Aggregate Programs for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass (section 23.11):**

- **Proposal #1 (Division/noticed proposal):**
 - Add summer flounder to the authorized species in the summer/fall program (May 1 – December 31) at a weekly possession limit of 7x the daily limit.
 - Amend the black sea bass weekly possession limit from 5x to 7x the daily limit.

- **Proposal #2 (Industry proposal):**
 - Amend the black sea bass weekly possession limit from 5x to 7x the daily limit.

- **Proposal #3 (Industry proposal):**
 - Add summer flounder to the authorized species in the summer/fall program (May 1 – December 31).
 - Remove the requirement for a summer flounder exemption certificate in order to possess more than 200 pounds of summer flounder.
 - Implement a summer flounder weekly possession limit of 7x the daily limit for vessels with a summer flounder exemption certificate and 5x the daily limit for vessels without a summer flounder exemption certificate.

- **Proposal #4 (Industry proposal):**
 - Add summer flounder to the authorized species in the summer/fall program (May 1 – December 31).
 - Modify aggregate closure trigger from 80% to 85%.

- **Proposal #5 (Industry proposal):**
 - Amend the black sea bass weekly possession limit from 5x to 7x the daily limit.
 - Modify aggregate closure trigger from 80% to 85%.