

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Striped Bass Management Board approved Draft Addendum VI for public comment. The Addendum was initiated in response to the results of the 2018 Benchmark Stock Assessment which indicated fishing mortality is too high and spawning stock is too low.

The Draft Addendum proposes management options for both commercial and recreational sectors in order to end overfishing and reduce fishing mortality to the target level in 2020. The proposed measures include reduced quotas for commercial fisheries and changes in bag limits, minimum size limits, and slot limits for the recreational sector. Options for the use of circle hooks when fishing with bait to reduce release mortality are also included. Final approval of the Draft Addendum is expected at the October Management Board meeting.

Anglers and other interested groups are encouraged to attend New Jersey's public hearings to provide input on the Draft Addendum:

http://www.asmfc.org/uploads/file/5d5abfc1StripedBassDraftAddVI_PublicComment_Aug2019.pdf

Please see below for information on meeting dates and times.

All meetings are scheduled from 6:00 – 8:30pm.

Tuesday, September 3	Wednesday, September 4	Thursday, September 12
Roselle Park Borough Hall 110 East Westfield Avenue Roselle Park, NJ 07204	Ocean City Public Library 1725 Simpson Avenue Ocean City, NJ 08226	Bay Avenue Community Center 775 East Bay Avenue Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Anyone unable to attend the hearings should submit written comments by 5:00 PM (EST) on September 27, 2019 to:

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For additional information, view the ASMFC New Release

https://asmfc.org/uploads/file/5d4c866april23AtlStripedBassDraftAddVI_PublicComment.pdf.

Please contact Heather Corbett with any questions.

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