

N.C. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW SCHEDULE (July 2020 – June 2025)
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SPECIES (Date of Last Action)	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
SOUTHERN FLOUNDER (8/19) †*					
SHRIMP (2/15) †					
ESTUARINE STRIPED BASS (5/13) **					
SPOTTED SEATROUT (2/12) ***					
INTERJURISDICTIONAL (11/15)					
STRIPED MULLET (11/15)					
RIVER HERRING (2/15) ****					
HARD CLAM (2/17)					
OYSTER (2/17)					
RED DRUM (8/17)					
BLUE CRAB (2/20)					
BAY SCALLOP (8/20) ‡					
KINGFISHES (8/20) ‡					

† The schedule assumes no rulemaking is required to implement the amendment.

‡ The management program currently in place has resulted in a stock that has met ongoing management targets (kingfishes) or the species is impacted by factors beyond fishing mortality (bay scallop); therefore, the 2020 annual fishery management plan update based on data through 2019 will fulfill the scheduled review.

* Adoption of Amendment 2 included the immediate development of Amendment 3 to implement more comprehensive, long-term management measures based on the 2019 coast-wide stock assessment update that indicated the stock is overfished and overfishing is occurring.

** The stock assessment process that began in 2017 for the Central Southern Management Area stocks and the Albemarle Sound-Roanoke River Management Area stock is nearing completion. Supplement A to the Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan was developed and adopted during 2018-2019.

*** A 2015 stock assessment indicated the spotted seatrout stock in North Carolina and Virginia was not overfished and overfishing was not occurring in the terminal year (2012) of the assessment. Due to staff workload for the review of other plans occurring in 2017 and since the stock was at a viable level and removals were considered sustainable for the long-term benefit of the stock, the next review of the plan was moved to 2019. Additionally, the division decided to include data through 2019 in the stock assessment to be more reflective of recent fishing activity. The stock assessment process is underway.

**** The schedule reflects a one-year delay to provide additional time to submit an updated N.C. Sustainable Fishery Management Plan for River Herring to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) and to evaluate the need to preserve both a state and ASMFC river herring plan.