

Bay Scallop Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2

Timeline, Issues, Goal, and
Objectives

Marine Fisheries Commission
Feb. 28, 2013



Timeline



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MFC MILESTONES	PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE
1. Present Timeline and Goal and Objectives to MFC; Get MFC Input on Issues	*Feb. 28, 2013*
2. Draft Sections and Issue Papers and Establish DMF/AC Recommendations	January-August 2013
3. Obtain MFC Approval for Public Review of FMP	Nov. 14, 2013
4. MFC Selects Preferred Management Options	February 2014
5. Department/Legislative Review	March 2014
6. MFC Procedural Approval for Notice of Text for Rules	May 2014
7. Direct Rules Through APA Process	August-October 2014
8. Final FMP and Rule Approval by MFC	November 2014
9. Selected Management Measures Effective Date	48 hrs. if proclamation; April 1, 2015 if rule



Goal

The goal of the N.C. Bay Scallop Fishery Management Plan is to implement a management strategy that restores the stock, maintains sustainable harvest, maximizes the social and economic value, and considers the needs of all user groups.



Objectives

1. Develop an objective management program that restores and maintains sustainable harvest
2. Promote the protection, restoration, and enhancement of habitats and water quality necessary for enhancing the fishery resource
3. Identify, enhance, and initiate studies to increase our understanding of bay scallop biology, predator/prey relationships, and population dynamics in North Carolina



Objectives (continued)

4. Investigate methods for protecting and enhancing the spawning stock
5. Investigate methods and implications of bay scallop aquaculture
6. Address social and economic concerns of all user groups
7. Promote public awareness regarding the status and management of the N.C. bay scallop stock



Issues

- Bay Scallop Harvest Management
- Impacts of Treading on Submerged Aquatic Vegetation While Harvesting Bay Scallops
- Consider Exemptions for Leaseholders Growing Bay Scallops
- Stock Enhancement



Questions?

