

**Table 42. Required reduction schedules for fishing mortality rates (F) for Atlantic coast weakfish, 1996 - 2000. All reductions in F are based on a 12-inch minimum size limit.**

	<b>Fishing Year</b>				
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
<b>Projected F</b>	1.27	1.27	1.01	0.76	0.50

**Table 43. Average percentage of fish numbers at each age (age 0 to 7 and older) from 1979 to 1994. Data comes from the 1994 Virtual Population Assessment model.**

	<b>Percentage of Weakfish at each Age</b>							
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and Older
<b>Average %</b>	68.45	20.98	7.28	2.09	0.69	0.29	0.10	0.12

**Table 44. Summary of state weakfish regulations for the 1997 recreational fishery**

<b>State</b>	<b>Size Limits</b>	<b>Possession Limits</b>	<b>Closed Seasons</b>
<b>Connecticut</b>	16" min. size	No limit	
<b>Delaware</b>	13" min. size	6 fish	
<b>Florida</b>	12" min. size	5 fish	
<b>Georgia</b>	13" min. size (effective 4-2-98)	6 fish (effective 4-2-98)	
<b>Maryland</b>	14" min. size	10 fish	
<b>Massachusetts</b>	16" min. size	No limit	Open all year
<b>New Jersey</b>	14" min. size	14 fish	
<b>New York</b>	16" (10 filleted, 12 dressed)	6	Open all year
<b>North Carolina</b>	12" min. size	4 fish	
<b>Potomac River Fisheries Commission</b>	14" min. size	10 fish	
<b>Rhode Island</b>	16" min. size		
<b>South Carolina</b>			
<b>Virginia</b>	14" (8/16-4/30) 12" (5/1-8/15)	14 fish (8/16-4/30) 4 fish (5/1-8/15)	