

## 2.6.2 South Atlantic Black Sea Bass Federal Recreational Regulatory History

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Year	Quota (lbs ww)	ACL (lbs ww)	Days Open	fishing season	reason for closure	season start date (first day implemented)	season end date (last day effective)	Size limit (in TL)	size limit start date	size limit end date	Retention Limit (# fish)	Retention Limit Start Date	Retention Limit End Date
8/31/1983 <sup>A</sup>	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	8	31-Aug	31-Dec	none	NA	NA
1984	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	8	1-Jan	31-Dec	none	NA	NA
1985	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	8	1-Jan	31-Dec	none	NA	NA
1986	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	8	1-Jan	31-Dec	none	NA	NA
1987	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	8	1-Jan	31-Dec	none	NA	NA
1988	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	8	1-Jan	31-Dec	none	NA	NA
1989	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	8	1-Jan	31-Dec	none	NA	NA
1990	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	8	1-Jan	31-Dec	none	NA	NA
1991	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	8	1-Jan	31-Dec	none	NA	NA
1992	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	8	1-Jan	31-Dec	none	NA	NA
1993	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	8	1-Jan	31-Dec	none	NA	NA
1994	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	8	1-Jan	31-Dec	none	NA	NA
1995	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	8	1-Jan	31-Dec	none	NA	NA
1996	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	8	1-Jan	31-Dec	none	NA	NA
1997	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	8	1-Jan	31-Dec	none	NA	NA
1998	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	8	1-Jan	31-Dec	none	NA	NA
1999 <sup>B</sup>	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	10	24-Feb	31-Dec	20/person/day	24-Feb	31-Dec
2000	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	10	1-Jan	31-Dec	20/person/day	1-Jan	31-Dec
2001	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	10	1-Jan	31-Dec	20/person/day	1-Jan	31-Dec
2002	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	10	1-Jan	31-Dec	20/person/day	1-Jan	31-Dec
2003	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	10	1-Jan	31-Dec	20/person/day	1-Jan	31-Dec
2004	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	10	1-Jan	31-Dec	20/person/day	1-Jan	31-Dec
2005	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	31-Dec	10	1-Jan	31-Dec	20/person/day	1-Jan	31-Dec
2006	NA	NA	365	open		1-Jan	22-Oct	10	1-Jan	22-Oct	20/person/day	1-Jan	22-Oct
2006/2007 <sup>C</sup>	746,000	NA	365	open		23-Oct	31-May	11	23-Oct	31-May	15/person/day	23-Oct	31-May
2007/2008	661,000	NA	365	open		1-Jun	31-May	12	1-Jun	31-May	15/person/day	1-Jun	31-May
2008/2009	483,000	NA	365	open		1-Jun	31-May	12	1-Jun	31-May	15/person/day	1-Jun	31-May
2009/2010	483,000	NA	365	open		1-Jun	31-May	12	1-Jun	31-May	15/person/day	1-Jun	31-May
2010/2011	NA	483,000	257	open		1-Jun	12-Feb	12	1-Jun	12-Feb	15/person/day	1-Jun	12-Feb
				closed	ACL met	13-Feb	31-May						
2011/2012	NA	483,000	139	open		1-Jun	21-Jun	12	1-Jun	21-Jun	15/person/day	1-Jun	21-Jun
				open		22-Jun	17-Oct	12	22-Jun	17-Oct	5/person/day <sup>D</sup>	22-Jun	17-Oct
				closed	ACL met	18-Oct	31-May						
2012/2013		483,000	96	open		1-Jun	30-Jun	12	1-Jun	30-Jun	5/person/day	1-Jun	30-Jun
				open		1-Jul	4-Sep	13 <sup>H</sup>	1-Jul	4-Sep	5/person/day	1-Jul	4-Sep
				closed	ACL met	5-Sep	31-May						
2013/2014	NA	483,000	365	open		1-Jun	22-Sep	13	1-Jun	22-Sep	5/person/day	1-Jun	22-Sep
		1,033,980 <sup>E</sup>				23-Sep	31-May	13	23-Sep	31-May	5/person/day	23-Sep	31-May
2014/2015 <sup>F</sup>	NA	1,033,980	365	open		1-Jun	7-Dec	13	1-Jun	7-Dec	5/person/day	1-Jun	7-Dec
						8-Dec	31-Mar	13	8-Dec	31-Mar	5/person/day	8-Dec	31-Mar
2015/2016	NA	1,033,980	365	open		1-Apr	31-Mar	13	1-Apr	31-Mar	5/person/day	1-Apr	31-Mar
2016/2017	NA	1,001,177	365	open		1-Apr	11-Aug	13	1-Apr	11-Aug	5/person/day	1-Apr	11-Aug
						12-Aug	31-Mar	13	12-Aug	31-Mar	7/person/day <sup>G</sup>	12-Aug	31-Mar

A: Original SAFMC FMP effective 8/31/1983.

B: Amendment 9 (effective 2/24/1999) implemented 10inch TL size limit and 20 fish/person/day bag limit

C: Amendment 13C (effective 10/23/2006) changed the fishing year from the calendar year to June 1- May 31; also changed recreational quota, size limits, and bag limits as indicated in the table.

D: Regulatory Amendmnet 9 changed the bag limit to 5/person/day, effective 6/22/11

E: Regulatory Amendment 19 increased the ACL, effective 9/23/13

F: Regulatory Amendment 14 (effective 12/8/2014) changed the recreational fishing year from June 1-May 31 to **April 1-March 31**

G: Regulatory Amendment 25 revised the recreational bag limit to 7/person/day, effective 8/12/2016

H: Amendment 18A (effective 7/1/2012) included changing the recreational size limit to 13 in. TL; see PDF document for additional regulatory changes in 18A