

used to estimate yield per recruit, escapement to age 4, and static (or equilibrium) spawning potential ratio (static SPR, based on both female biomass and egg production). The FADAPT VPA methodology was chosen by the Technical Committee as the population modeling approach to determine the status of the stock.

**Table 4. Summary of Atlantic coast red drum regulations by state/jurisdiction, as of October 1, 2001 (N/A = Not Applicable).**

State	Size Limit (TL inches)	Possession Limit	Other	Meets FMP requirement?
ME	None	None	None	N/A
NH	18" - 27"	None	0 fish > 27" TL	N/A
MA	14"	None	None	N/A
CT	None	None	0 fish < 32" TL	N/A
RI	None	None	None	N/A
NY	14"	None	2 fish > 32" TL	N/A
NJ	18" - 27"	None	1 fish > 27" TL	Yes
PA	None	None	None	No
DE	18" - 27"	5 fish	1 fish > 27" TL	Yes
MD	18" - 27"	5 fish	1 fish > 27" TL	Yes
PRFC	18" - 27"	5 fish	1 fish > 27" TL	Yes
VA	18" - 27"	5 fish	1 fish > 27" TL	Yes
NC	18" - 27"	1 fish	0 fish > 27" TL; Commercial cap = 250,000 lbs.; daily trip limit of 50 lbs.; gill nets < 5" stretch mesh must be tended from 5/1-10/31	Yes
SC	15" - 24"	2 fish	Gamefish - no sale	Yes
GA	14" - 27"	5 fish	0 fish > 27" TL	Yes
FL	18" - 27"	1 fish	Gamefish - no sale	Yes

## VIII. Recommendations of FMP Review Team

### Management and Regulatory Recommendations

1. ASMFC and the Regional Fishery Management Councils should continue to collaborate on cooperative review of stock assessments and formulation of management measures.
2. States north of New Jersey should adopt management measures to avoid open ports for commercial landings.
3. The management unit should be divided at the North Carolina/South Carolina border, and be managed as two separable sub-units of an Atlantic stock.
4. States should maintain annual age-length keys.
5. A technical review of North Carolina's commercial quota should be made to determine its conservation equivalency in relation to the two management options in the plan.
6. States with significant fisheries (over 5,000 pounds recorded by MRFSS) should collect socioeconomic data on red drum fisheries through add-ons to the MRFSS or by other