

**2001 REVIEW OF THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR ATLANTIC CROAKER
(*Micropogonias undulatus*)**

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Table 4. Summary of current state and federal regulations for Atlantic croaker.

State/Agency	Recreational	Commercial	Other
New York	none	none	
New Jersey	none	none	trawling prohibited from 0-2 miles from shore
Delaware	8"	none	
Maryland	9"; 25 fish limit	9"	trawling restricted in Ches. Bay; closed 1/1-3/15
PRFC	25 per person/day		
Virginia	none	none	trawling prohibited in state waters
North Carolina			gear-related restrictions; TED/BRD requirements
South Carolina	none	none	gear-related restrictions; TED/BRD requirements; license to land/sell
Georgia	8"; 25 fish limit	8"; 25 fish limit	BRD requirement; no trawling in sounds
Florida	none	none	net ban in state waters
Federal (EEZ waters)			

VIII. Recommendations of FMP Review Team

General

- Compile and analyze existing data for updating the stock assessment.

Management and Regulatory Recommendations

Management recommendations in the 1987 Croaker FMP should be adopted and implemented by appropriate regulations or legislation. They are as follows:

- Promote the development and use of trawl efficiency devices (TED's and BRD's) through demonstration in the southern shrimp fishery, and fish separators in the finfish trawl fishery; and
- Promote increases in yield per recruit through delaying entry to croaker fisheries to age one or older.

Amendments

- Develop an amended Atlantic Croaker FMP with objective compliance criteria.