2006 REVIEW OF THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ATLANTIC CROAKER

(Micropogonias undulatus)

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Table 7. Summary of current state regulations for Atlantic croaker

State/Agency	Recreational	Commercial	Other
New York	none	none	
New Jersey	none	none	Trawling prohibited from 0-2 mi from shore. Commercial weakfish regulations effect harvest of croaker.
Delaware	8" min	none	Gill net prohibitions and closed seasons.
Maryland	9" min, 25 fish	u min	Trawling restricted in Chesapeake Bay. Commercial weakfish regulations effect harvest of croaker.
PRFC	25 fish	none	Voluntary use of large mesh bycatch reduction panels in pound nets.
Virginia	none	none	Trawling prohibited in state waters. Limited entry into pound net fishery. Closures for weakfish fishing. Pound net prohibitions.
North Carolina	none	none	Flynets excluded south of C. Hatteras and mesh size restrictions; culling panels required in long haul seines/pounds nets; TEDs required in flounder trawls in most state waters; TED/BRD requirements and min. mesh restrictions in shrimp trawls.
South Carolina	none	none	Gear-related restrictions; TED/BRD requirements; license to land/sell.
Georgia	8" min, 25 fish	x min	No trawling in sounds, trawl closed season, TED/BRD requirement. No gill netting for croaker.
Florida	none	inone	Net ban in state waters. TED/BRD requirement. Maximum shrimp trawl size.