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**Table 1.2.2.1** History of state regulations specific to Atlantic croaker.

State	Regulation	Date
NJ	Minimum 3.75" stretched diamond mesh or 3.375" stretched square mesh in beam or otter trawl cod end for directed harvest (>100 pounds)	2001
DE	8" total length minimum size limit	1984
MD	10" total length minimum size limit	1960s
	9" total length minimum size limit; 20 fish recreational creel limit	1993
	9" total length minimum size limit; 20 fish recreational creel limit; commercial closure January 1–March 15	1995
	9" total length minimum size limit; 25 fish recreational creel limit; commercial closure January 1–March 15	1997
PRFC	10" total length commercial minimum size limit	1963
	10" total length commercial and recreational minimum size limit	1982
	10" total length minimum size limit; 20 fish recreational creel limit	1996
	25 fish recreational creel limit; no size limits	1999
GA	8" total length minimum size limit; 25 fish/day recreational and commercial, except shrimp trawlers (no limit)	1989

**Table 1.2.2.2** Additional regulations affecting the harvest and bycatch of Atlantic croaker.

State	Regulation	Date
NJ	Weakfish gill-net and pound-net seasonal closures established and trawl minimum mesh reduced (3" diamond)	1992
	Weakfish trawl seasonal closure established, gill-net seasonal closure lengthened, and trawl minimum mesh increased (3.25")	1995
DE	Weakfish gill-net minimum mesh size (3.125") and seasonal closures affect the harvest of Atlantic croaker	1995
MD	Weakfish trawl minimum mesh increased to 3.375" square or 3.75" diamond and gill-net and trawl seasonal closure lengthened	1995
	Trawling prohibited in Chesapeake Bay and coastal bays, and within 1 mile of coastal shore	1933
VA	Trawling prohibited in all state waters	1989
	Weakfish commercial gear minimum mesh sizes increased and seasonal closures established or increased	1995

**Table 1.2.2.2** *Continued.*

<b>State</b>	<b>Regulation</b>	<b>Date</b>
NC	Minimum mesh size restrictions in shrimp trawl (1.5" tailbag) and crab trawls (3.0") established	Pre-1975
	Finfish trawling prohibited in internal waters; shrimp and crab trawls limited to 1,000 lb of incidental finfish bycatch per trip	1983
	Shrimp and crab trawls in inside waters limited to 500 lb of incidental finfish from December 1–February 28 and 1,000 lb from March 1–November 30	1991
	Catch of unclassified bait limited to 5,000 lb/vessel/day	1991
	Minimum mesh size restriction in shrimp trawls (1.5" tailbag) and crab trawls (3.0"); shrimp trawls prohibited areas established and headrope length limited to 90 ft	1991
	Fly net minimum stretched mesh size of 3.0" square or 3.5" diamond; fly nets defined as nets having the first body (belly) section consisting of 35 or more continuous meshes of 8.0" or greater (stretched mesh) webbing behind the bottom and top line, with tailbags less than 15 feet in length; tailbags constructed of square mesh may have the terminal 3 feet of mesh hung on a diamond with a minimum stretched mesh length of 2.0"	1992
	Bycatch reduction devices required in all shrimp trawls.	1994
	Fly nets prohibited in ocean waters from Cape Hatteras to NC/SC state line	1994
	Fly net vessels limited to 150 lb weakfish unless all fly nets onboard meet definition; gill nets limited to 150 lb weakfish unless mesh length > 2.875" stretched	1996
	Shrimp and crab trawls in Atlantic Ocean prohibited from possessing incidental finfish December 1–March 31 unless weight of the combined shrimp and crab catch exceeds weight of finfish	1997
	Small mesh (<5.0") estuarine gill-net attendance requirement, May 1–November 30 in select areas in inside waters	1998
	Mandatory use of long haul cull panels and swipe nets south/west of a line from Bluff Point in Pamlico Sound to Ocracoke Island	1999
	Authorized gear allowed and restrictions applied to the Recreational Commercial Gear License; modified in 2008 to allow mechanical retrieval of shrimp trawl	1999
	Crab trawl minimum mesh size increased to 4" in western Pamlico Sound	2005
	Headrope length internally limited to 90 feet and shrimp trawl prohibited areas established	2006