

Table 1 — 2009 State Recreational Management Measures for Summer Flounder

State	Minimum Fish Size		Possession Limit(number of fish)	Fishing Season
	inches	cm		
MA	18.5	46.99	5	July 1 through August 13
RI	21.0	53.34	6	June 17 through December 31
CT	19.5	49.53	3	June 15 through August 19
NY	21.0	53.34	2	May 15 through June 15 and July 3 through August 17
NJ	18.0	45.72	6	May 23 through September 4
DE	18.5	46.99	4	January 1 through December 31
MD ¹	18.0	45.72	3	April 15 through September 13
VA	19.0	48.26	5	January 1 through December 31
NC ²	15.0	38.10	8	January 1 through December 31

¹ Chesapeake Bay, MD - a 16.5-in (41.91-cm) minimum fish size, a 1-fish possession limit, and a fishing season of April 15-September 13 applies.

² Pamlico Sound, NC - No person may possess flounder less than 14.0 in (35.56 cm) total length (TL) taken from internal waters for recreational purposes west of a line beginning at a point on Point of Ma in Carteret County at 35° 04.6166' N lat.-76° 27.8000' W long., then running northeasterly to a point at Bluff Point in Hyde County at 35° 19.7000' N lat.-76° 09.8500' W long. In Core and Cluifoot creeks, the Highway 101 Bridge constitutes the boundary north of which flounder must be at least 14.0 (35.56 cm) in TL.

Albemarle Sound, NC - No person may possess flounder less than 14.0 in (35.56 cm) TL taken from internal waters for recreational purposes west of a line beginning at a point 35° 57.3950' N lat. -76° 00.1' W long. on Long Shoal Point, running easterly to a point 35° 56.7316' N lat.-75° 59.3000' W long. near Marker -5" in Alligator River, running northeasterly along the Intracoastal Waterway to a point 36° 09.30' N lat.-75° 53.4916' W long. near Marker -171" at the mouth of North River, running northwesterly to a point 36° 09.9093' N lat.-75° 54.6601' W long. on Camden Point.

Browns Inlet South, NC - No person may possess flounder less than 14.0 in (35.56 cm) TL in internal and Atlantic Ocean fishing waters for recreational purposes west and south of a line beginning at a point 34° 37.0000' N lat.-77° 15.000' W long.; running southeasterly to a point 34° 32.0000' N lat.-77° 10.0000' W long.

Scup Management Measures

Table 2 contains the coastwide Federal measures for scup in effect for 2008 and codified. The 2009 measures are unchanged from those at 50 CFR part 648, subpart I, and are presented in Table 2.

Table 2 — 2009 Scup Recreational Management Measures

Fishery	Minimum Fish Size		Possession Limit	Fishing Season
	inches	cm		
Scup	10.5	26.67	15 fish	January 1 through February 28, and October 1 through October 31

The scup fishery in state waters will be managed under a regional conservation equivalency system developed through the Commission over the last 7 years. Because the Federal FMP does not contain provisions for conservation equivalency, and states may adopt their own unique measures, the Federal and state recreational scup management measures will differ for 2009.

Black Sea Bass Management Measures

This rule implements the black sea bass measures contained in the April 1, 2009, proposed rule: An increase in minimum fish size from 12.0 to 12.5 inches (30.48 cm to 31.75 cm) and *status quo* measures for possession limit (25 fish per person) and fishing season (January 1-December 31, 2009). Table 3 contains the 2009 coastwide Federal measures for black sea bass.

Table 3 — 2009 Black Sea Bass Recreational Management Measures

Fishery	Minimum Fish Size		Possession Limit	Fishing Season
	inches	cm		
Black Sea Bass	12.5	31.75	25 fish	January 1 through December 31