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ASMFC SPECIFICATIONS (from page 27)

The Commission and Council maintained 2018 specifications, which were set in February 2017 based on stock projections from the 2016 assessment update. An assessment update is tentatively scheduled for 2018.

Bluefish

The Commission and Council also maintained 2018 specifications for bluefish. The 2018 commercial quota and recreational harvest limit are preliminary and will likely change following release of 2017 final Marine Recreational Information Program harvest estimates. These estimates can impact how much is transferred from the recreational sector to the commercial sector.



An assessment update is scheduled for 2018.

For all four species, the Commission and Council actions are consistent with the recommendations of the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee based on the best available scientific information.

For more information about summer flounder, scup, or black sea bass, please contact Kirby Rootes Murdy, Senior FMP Coordinator, at krootes_murdy@asmfc.org. For more information about bluefish, please contact Max Appelman, FMP Coordinator, at mappelman@asmfc.org.

FLUKE SLAYERS!



Members

PETER & KATHLEEN LEWIS

are two of the best fluke fishers in RISAA. Both of these fish were caught on August 2.

Kathy's fish weighed in a **10.15 lbs.** and currently holds **FIRST PLACE** in the Yearlong Tournament, Boat Division.

Pete's fish weighed in a 9.80 lbs., and is currently holding third place.

They were using squid, mackerel and smelt for bait.

Every year Kathy send us multiple photos with jumbo fluke, proving without a doubt, that they really know how to catch big fish!