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JUST RELEASED AT PRESS TIME....

Rhode Island 2020 Saltwater Recreational Fishing Regulations Set

Most of the recreational fishing regulations will have no changes in 2020.

The only difference will be in bluefish and striped bass, both of which are overfished.

The biggest controversy has been with striped bass and up to a RIDEM Public Hearing last month, there were two options on the table:

- ASMFC Option which would apply to all anglers (private and charter) with a 28" to <35" slot. This was favored by RISAA.
- Option 2 which would create split mode with party/charter boats keeping striped bass between 30" to <40", and rec anglers with a 32" to <40" slot. This was supported by charter association



On March 12, DEM Director Janet Coit announced her decisions and provided very detailed reasons.

She noted that, "it is in the best interest of the striped bass resource, and for the Rhode Island recreational fishing community as a whole, to enact the Addendum VI

coastwide measure of a one fish bag limit, slot limit of 28' to <35", with a season open year round."

RISAA applauds this decision.

This will mean that the same recreational striped bass regulations will be the same for coastal states from Maine to New York.

(2020 regs can be found on page 54 in this issue)

Members
Mike Sheridan, Bob Andrade & Bob Murray
with jumbo fluke that they caught last August
off Block Island

Recreational fishing is worth \$412 MILLION to the Rhode Island economy and over 4,000 jobs!

Coronavirus Forces Cancellation of RISAA Show

17 YEARS! NEW ENGLAND SALTWATER FISHING SHOW

CANCELLED
PER CARONAVIRUS ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR

No reschedule date available. Next Show MARCH 5 - 7, 2021