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THE WATCH (from page 3)

**SUMMER FLOUNDER (fluke):** Status quo with last year's regulations, 18" minimum size, a possession limit of eight fish/person/day. May 1 to December 31 season.

**BLACK SEA BASS:** A 7% reduction is required by the ASMFC, and to obtain that reduction the first subperiod of the season will run from June 29 to August 31 with a three fish/person/day limit. The second sub-period will run from September 1 to December 31 with a seven fish/person/day limit. The minimum size will remain at 13 inches.



**SCUP:** 10" minimum size with the 30 fish/person/day limit with a May 1 to December 31 season. The bag limit for party and charter boats from September 1 to October 31 will increase to 45 fish.



The Council voted to expand the 9" minimum size **Special Area Provision** for shore anglers that was engaged last year for the first time. Locations in 2013 included India Point, Conimicut Point and Stonebridge. This year the Council asked that other areas be explored including Fort Adams, Fort Wetherill and the West Wall at the Harbor of Refuge.

The expansion of the Special Area Provision locations was **proposed by RISAA** with a willingness to explore paying for signs that communicate Special Area Provision regulations to anglers fishing in these locations.

**TAUTOG:** will have a 16" minimum size like last year with a split season.

The spring season will start on April 15 and run through May 31, and the second sub season will run from August 1 to October 17. Both periods will have a three fish/person/day limit.



A closed season will occur June 1 to July 31 as this is a high spawning period for tautog.

The limit increases to six fish/person/day from October 18 to December 15. A ten fish/vessel/day limit applies to all periods (does not apply to charter and party boats).

Tautog in undergoing a new benchmark assessment, additional management measures may be appropriate for 2015 depending on 2014 landings and the outcome of the assessment.



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