

## New England Fishing (from page 11)

Be alert for a hit as the jig falls. Try different styles and techniques of jigging until you find the one that works best.

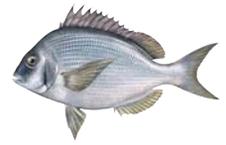
In many cases, bluefish will hold in the same rip as stripers, but usually stack up above the bass. If you want to avoid hooking a blue, don't reel your jig above the "striper zone."

About the author....

Tom Richardson, a RISAA member and Massachusetts native, is passionate for the outdoors, including camping, hiking, boating and fishing. An award-winning writer, he was editor for Salt Water Sportsman for 15 years prior to becoming editor of the regional boating magazine Offshore in 2004. In 2009, he started the boating-lifestyle BoatingLocal.com, Three years later, BoatingLocal became New England Boating, a multimedia brand comprising the website, a glossy magazine, and a TV show, all edited and co-hosted by Richardson. In 2016, he launched New England Fishing magazine, website and TV show, which he also wrote and hosted.

## THE WATCH (from page 3)

For **Scup**, there will be an increase of approximately 13 percent from the previous set catch limits. This will still result in a reduction of about 6 percent on next years catch



And for **Black Sea Bass**, the increase is about 9% to the overall recreational allotment.

I have seen too many times in the past what now seems like good news (sorta) can change by next February.

### BLUEFISH

The news on **Bluefish** is not good. The status quo has been approved and there will be no changes in 2021.



### OTHER ISSUES

There is a lot of discussion taking place regarding how recreational catch is estimated and its shortfalls. Even though the new MRIP/Coastal Survey is in place, it seems the general consensus in the councils is that some type of real time catch data is necessary to manage the species. As those most impacted, we need to stay very aware what is being said.

In public comments received there are strong calls for electronic reporting from other participants in the industry who insist that we (recreational anglers) should have the same accountability as they do to report our catch via some type of real time recording system. This might also include how often we fish to better calculate effort. We need to stay engaged and be part of these discussions.

All RISA members are welcome to join the RISAA Legislative Committee. If you are interested or if you have any questions, you can always contact me by email at [macpherson@risaa.org](mailto:macpherson@risaa.org)

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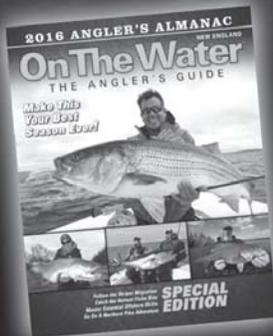
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