

Striped Bass Management

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Striped bass

- Migratory
 - Range extends from Florida to Canada
- Predatory
- High fishing pressure
 - 3.8 million pounds commercial vs 36 million pounds recreational

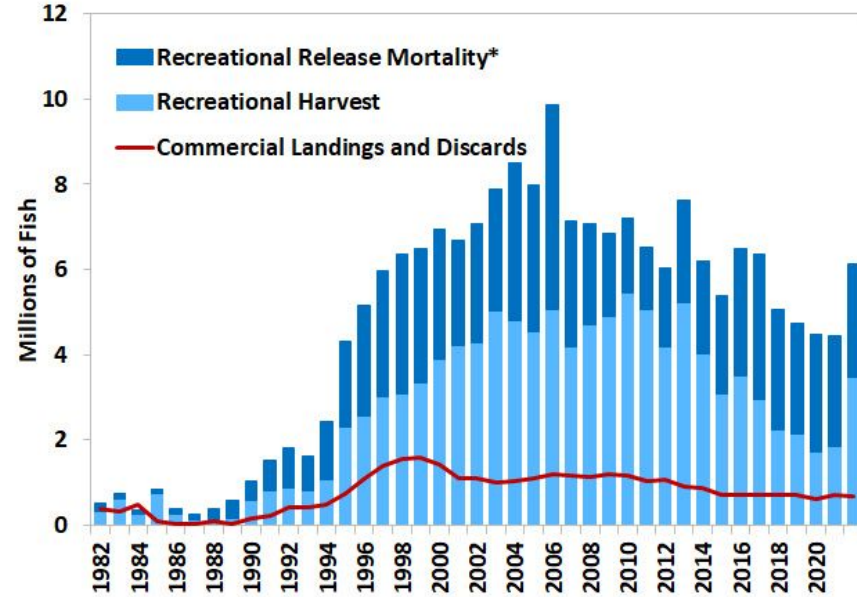


Review history

- Federal protections began in 2007
- Landlocking/habitat loss
- High stock volatility lead to very early regulations

Atlantic Striped Bass Commercial Landings and Discards
& Recreational Landings and Release Mortality

Source: State Compliance Reports, 2023

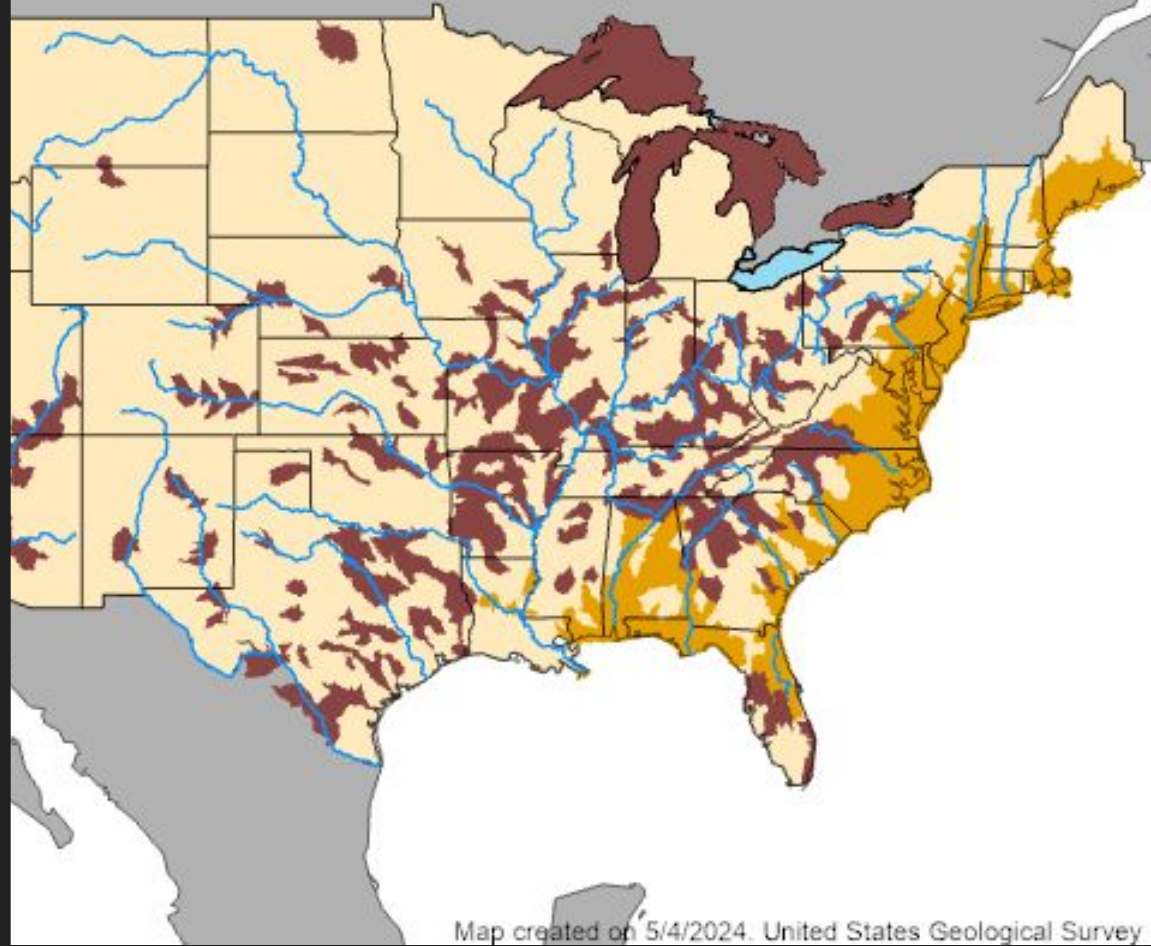


* 9% of fish released alive are assumed to die because of being caught.

Actors

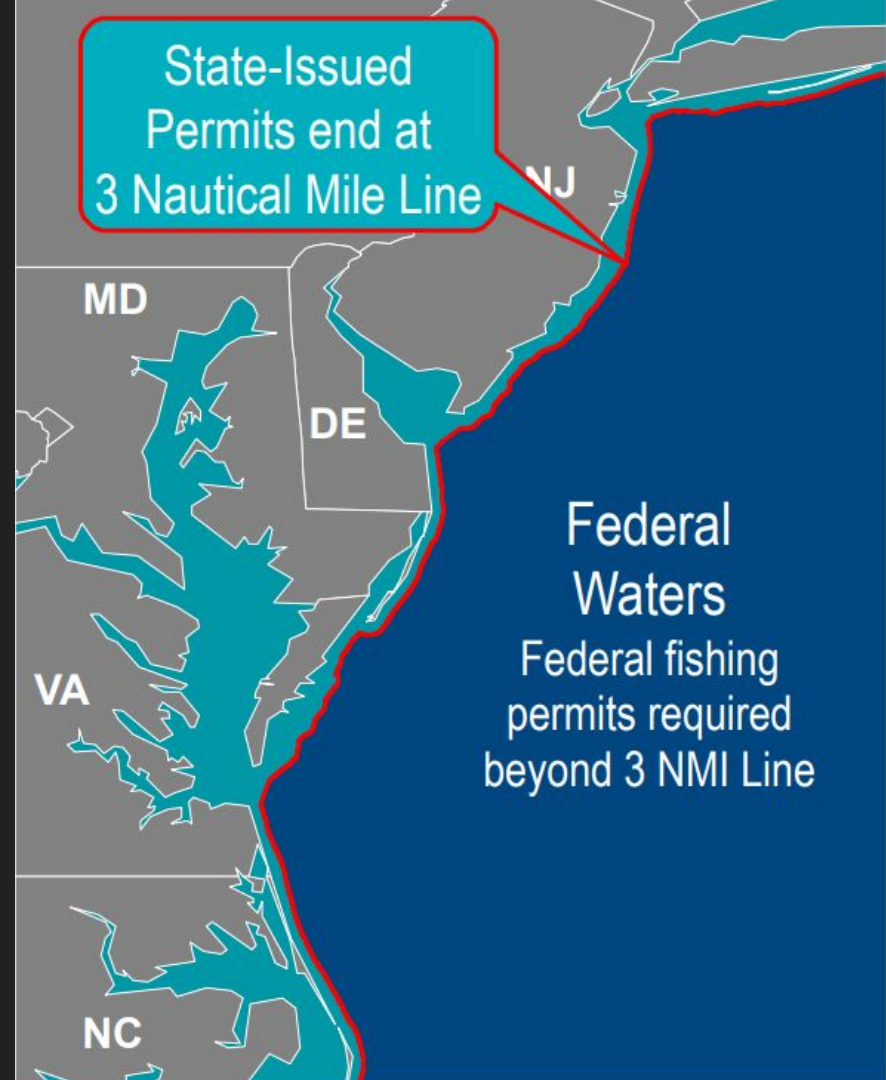
- Congress
- NOAA
- Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
- State Agencies eg. DNREC
- Fisherman (recreational and commercial)
- Canada

Morone saxatilis



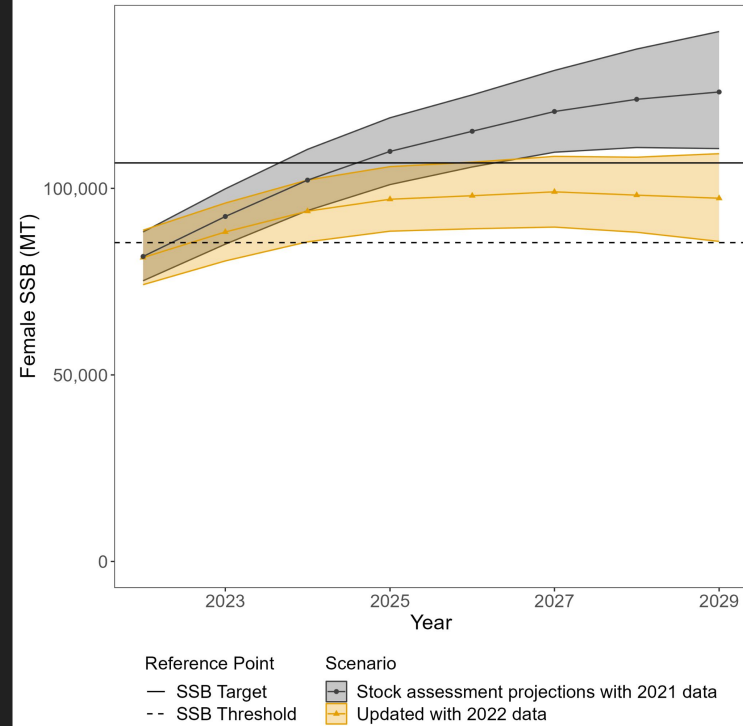
Legislation/Policy

- Closed in Federal waters
- Costal
 - Maximum 31in
 - Minimum size and Season varies
- Canada
 - Similar regulations to the states



Policy Solutions

- Habitat restoration
 - Dam removal
 - Ending dredging
- More restrictive harvest
 - Poaching
 - Non-Harvest Mortality



Solutions Cont.

- Supplemental stocking
 - Genetic Diversity
 - Funding
- Promote Aquaculture
 - Waste
 - Escapement





Thank You!
Questions?

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