

Striped Bass Emergency Action



The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries adopted new regulations for the recreational striped bass fishery in 2023. Recreational anglers may now take one fish per day in the new slot limit of 28" to less than 31".

Why did DMF change striped bass regulations?

The ASMFC Striped Bass Management Board voted to reduce the slot size to help protect the important 2015 year-class that will hopefully help rebuild the striped bass stock.

Why are we trying to protect the 2015 year-class?

The 2015 year-class is one of the few large year-classes that has been produced in the past 20 years. Allowing as many of these fish to mature to breeding size as possible is vital to the future of the fishery!

What happens after 2023?

The ASMFC Striped Bass Board voted to initiate an Addendum to the management plan for 2024 that will investigate a range of options to reduce mortality so that the stock can stay on track to rebuild by 2029.

A New Slot Limit to Protect the 2015 Year-Class

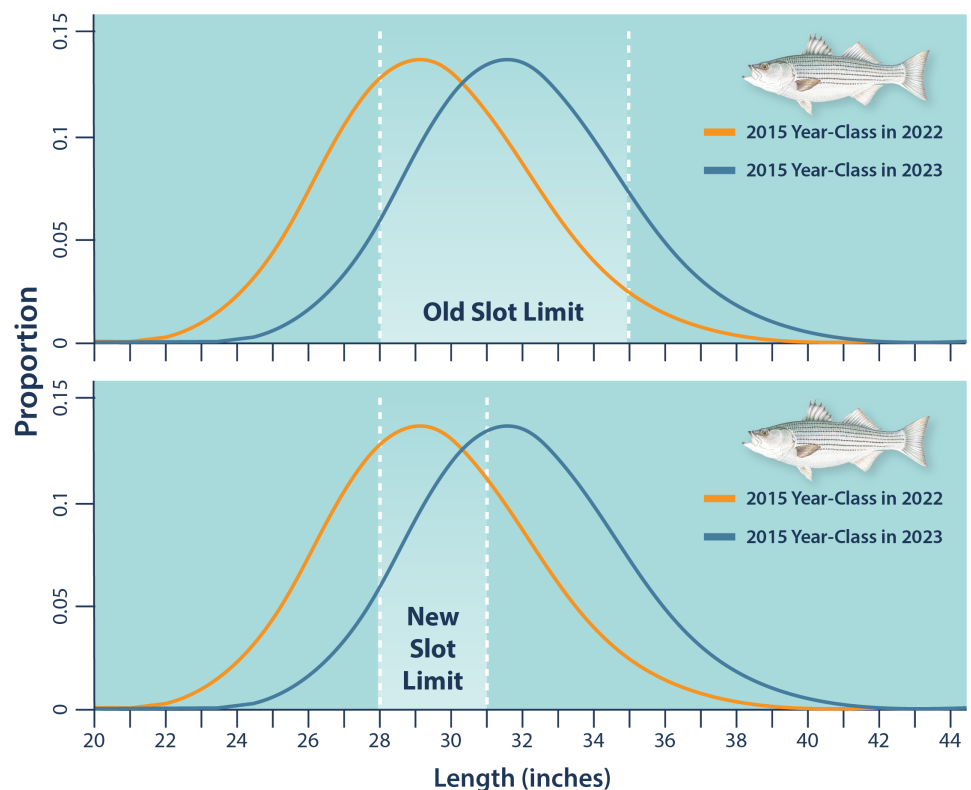


Figure: Comparison of the old slot (28" to <35") to the new slot (28" to <31")



LEARN MORE: Our Striped Bass FAQ addresses common questions about the actions taken by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Striped Bass Management Board, why they were taken, and what will happen as a result. Visit the FAQ on our website to find out more about these changes and why they were adopted.