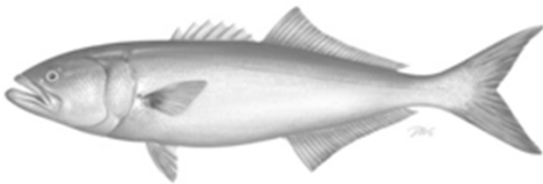


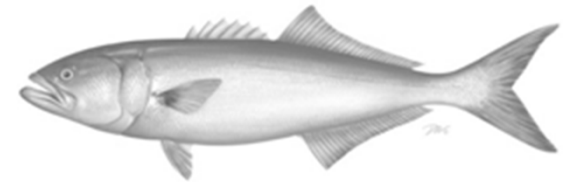


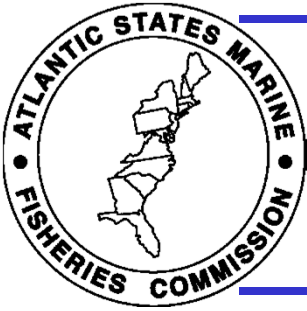
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2013 Bluefish FMP Review

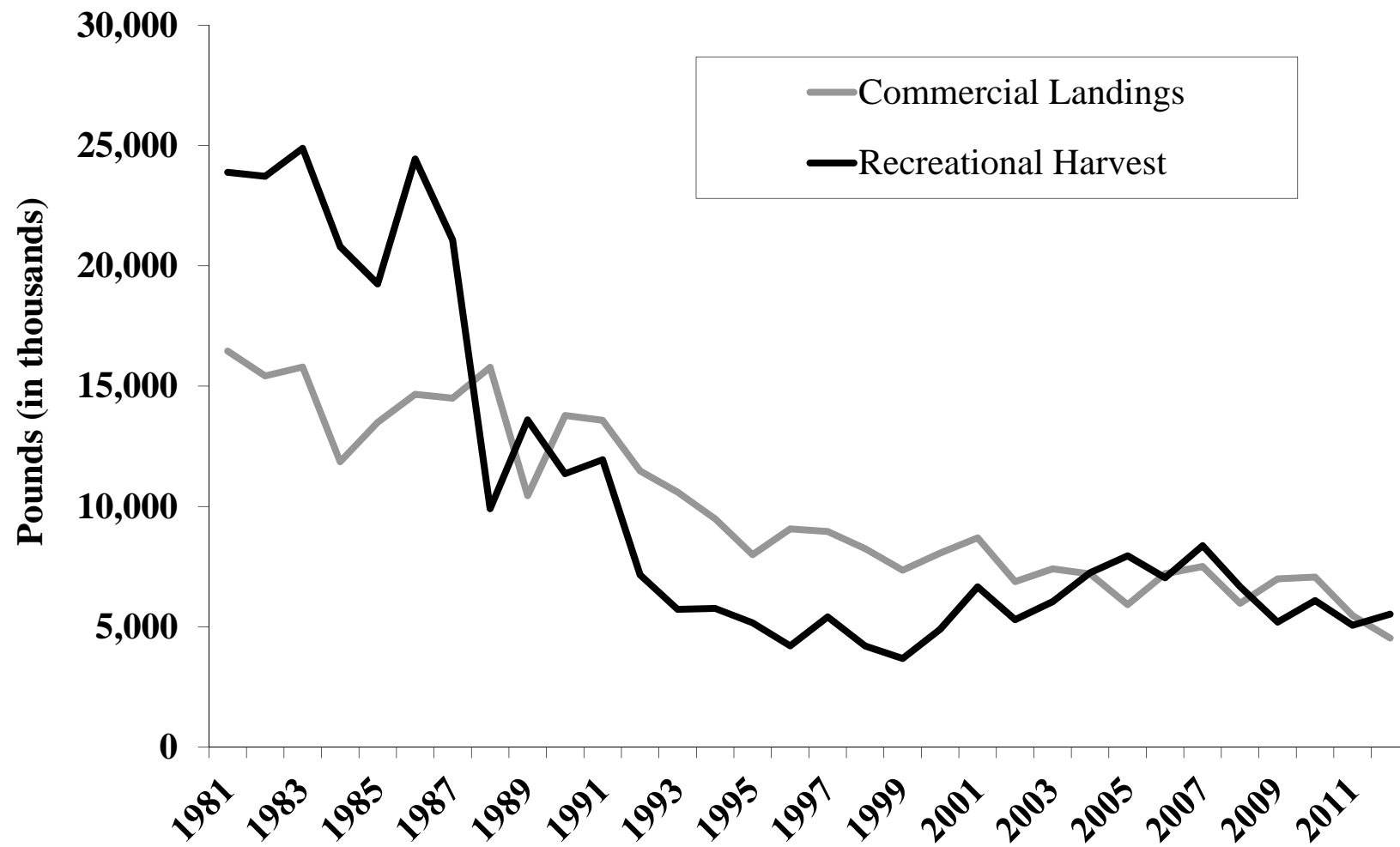


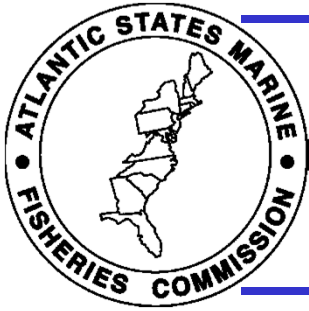
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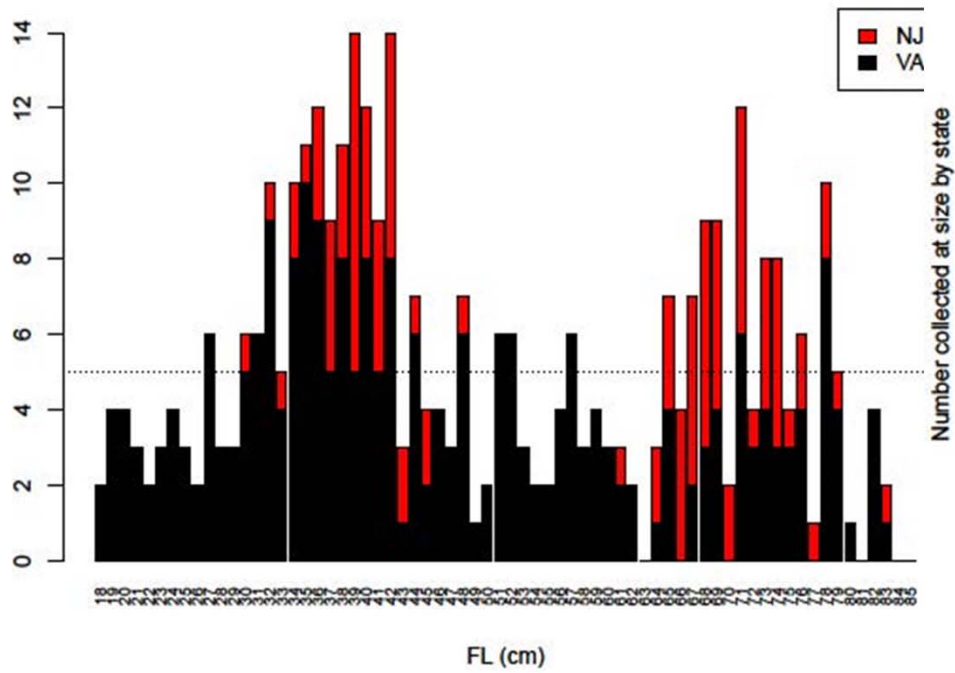
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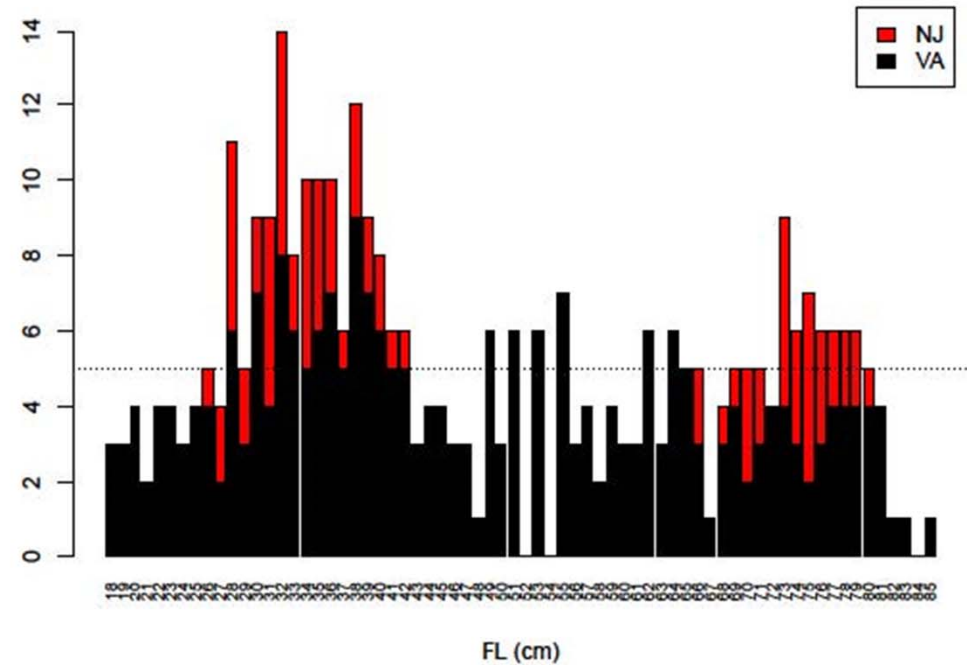


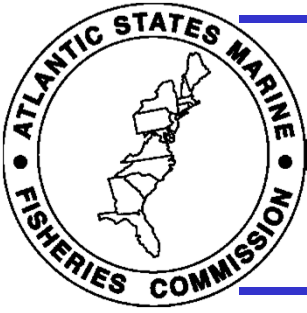
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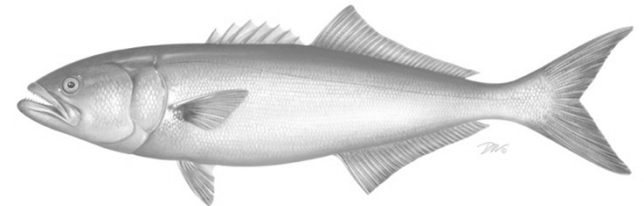
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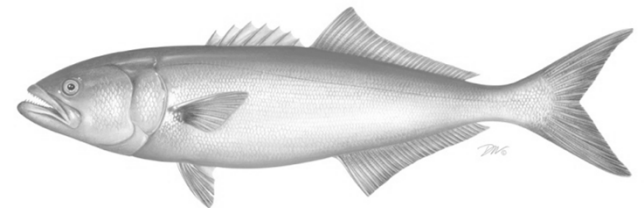
- **Requirements**
 - Recreational possession limit 15-fish
 - Restrict the commercial fishery to the quota
 - Monitor commercial and recreational fishery
 - Vessel & Dealer permitting requirements
 - Addendum I (2012): Biological Sampling Program
 - Annual compliance reporting
- **All states and jurisdictions have met compliance requirements in 2012.**

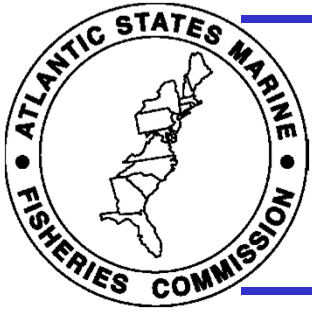




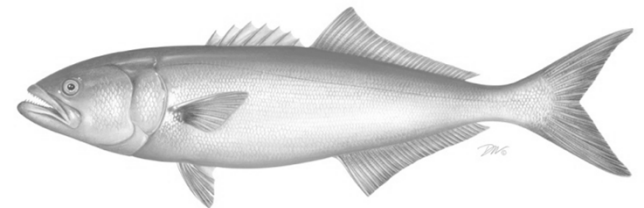
de minimis Requests

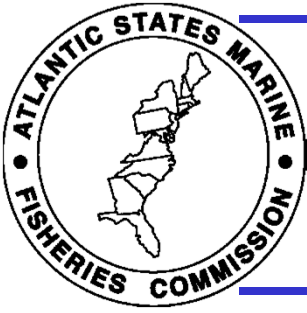
- State commercial landings $< 0.1\%$ of coastwide landings
- South Carolina and Georgia have requested *de minimis* status for 2013
- The PRT finds SC and GA meet the requirements for *de minimis* status





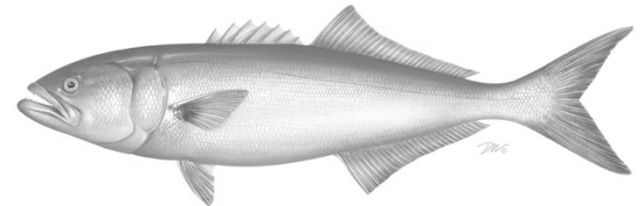
Questions?





Research Needs

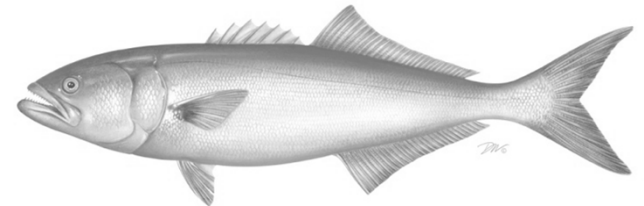
- Age sampling
- Sample offshore winter population
- Age archived otoliths
- Evaluate discards from the commercial and recreational fishery
- Determine sexual maturity and fecundity
- Research predator prey relationships.





Status of the Stock

- **Not overfished and overfishing is not occurring**
- **$F_{2010} = 0.14$ and is less than $F_{msy} = 0.19$**
- **$B_{2010} = 140,297$ and $B_{MSY} = 147,052$**
- **95.4% of target biomass**





Motions

- Move to approve Bluefish FMP Review and approve de Minimis status to South Carolina and Georgia
- Motion by Simpson/Augustine

