



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
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Dear Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass
Party/Charter Vessel Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has approved final 2001 recreational measures for the summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass fisheries. This rule was published in the Federal Register on July 30, 2001. All measures are in effect immediately. The following table summarizes the minimum size limits, possession limits, and seasons for these fisheries in 2001.

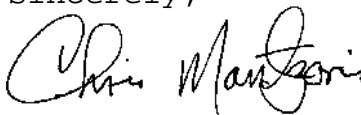
2001 Recreational Measures

	Minimum Size (total length)	Possession Limit	Open Season
Summer Flounder	15.5 inches (39.27 cm)	3 fish	May 25 - Sept. 4
Scup	9 inches (22.86 cm)	50 fish	Aug. 15 - Oct. 31
Black Sea Bass	11 inches (27.94 cm)	25 fish	Jan.1 - Feb. 28 and May 10 - Dec. 31

In cases where state recreational measures are different from those listed above, federally permitted party/charter vessels are required to abide by the more restrictive state or Federal measure. For example, if a state has adopted a minimum size limit of 16 inches for summer flounder, a federally permitted party/charter vessel is required to abide by the larger size limit (16 inches) when landing recreationally caught fish in that state.

For further information, please call 978-281-9278.

Sincerely,



for

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Regional Administrator

