

Striped Bass Draft Addendum VI

- Draft Addendum VI responds to the 2018 Benchmark Stock Assessment, which indicates striped bass are overfished and experiencing overfishing.
- Draft Addendum VI is designed to reduce fishing mortality (F) to the target level of 0.20 and **end overfishing in 2020**, by reducing removals by 18% from 2017 levels.
- Proposed measures include reduced commercial quotas, changes in bag limits, max/min/slot limits, and mandatory use of circle hooks.
- The proposed reductions in Draft Addendum VI have more than a **95% probability to end overfishing in 2020** and project female spawning stock biomass to be above the threshold by 2023 and at 93% of the target by 2027.

