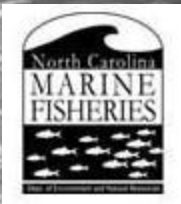


Fishery Management Plan Development



Why Do Fisheries Decline?

- **Habitat loss and Destruction**
- **Water Quality**
- **Overfishing**

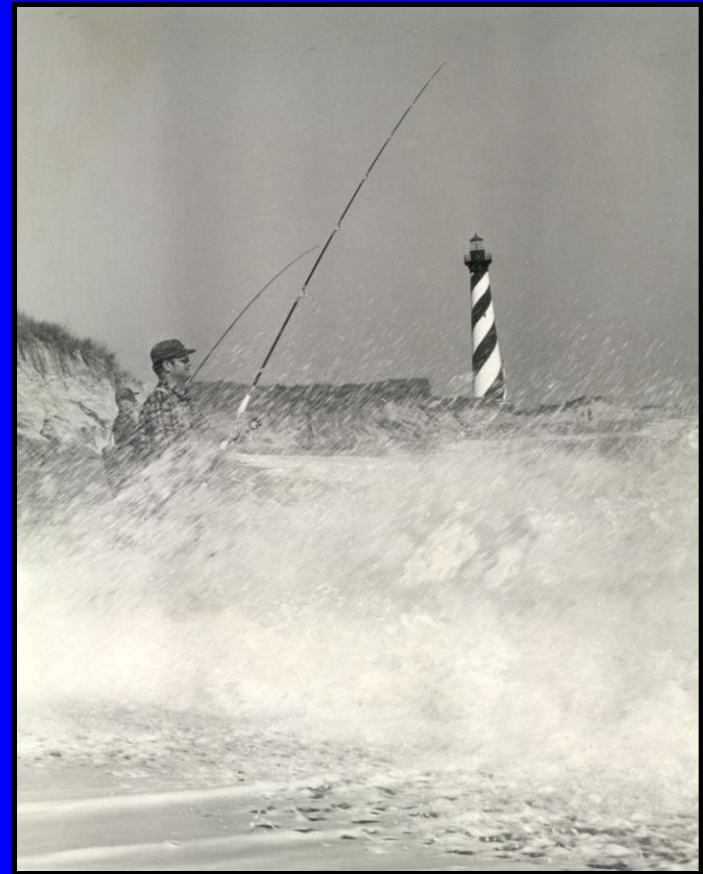


Fisheries Reform Act of 1997

- Fishery Management Plans (FMP)
 - Species, Area, and/or Gear Plans
 - End overfishing, rebuild overfished stocks, manage for an optimum yield
 - Address conflicts, bycatch, etc.
- Coastal Habitat Protection Plans
 - Enhance habitat/water quality for coastal fisheries resources

Stock Status Report

- Annual Review of Commercial and Recreational Fisheries
- Basis for selecting species for FMP development



Priority Species

- Species/Stocks designated Overfished or Concern generally take priority.
- Plans are required for all species contained in the report.

FMP Structure

- Goals and Objectives
- Stock Status
- Socio-Economics
- Habitat – Coordinated with CHPPS
- Management Measures to achieve Goals and Objectives
- Research Needs

Development Process

- Plan Development Team
- Advisory Panel
- Public Meetings
- MFC Advisory Committee Review – Finfish, Crustacean, Shellfish, Habitat and Water Quality, Regional.
- MFC Review and Approval
- Secretarial Review
- Legislative Commission Review
- Final MFC Approval

New Legislative Changes to the FRA of 1997

- Separate definitions for overfished and overfishing.
- Replace MSY/OY with Sustainable Harvest.
- Specify a rebuilding time period.

FMP Accomplishments

- Blue Crab
- Oysters
- Clams
- Red Drum
- River Herring
- IJA Plan



FMPs in Progress

- Southern Flounder
- Striped Mullet
- Shrimp
- Striped Bass



FMP Schedule

- Kingfishes (sea mullet)
2005
- Bay scallop (2006)
- Spotted Sea Trout
(2007)



