



*Working towards healthy, self-sustaining populations
for all Atlantic coast fish species or successful
restoration well in progress by 2015*

Fisheries Management and Fishing Vessel Safety

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ASMFC Overview

- **Formed in 1942 – Interstate Compact**
- **15 states – ME – FL, including PA**
- **Shore to 3 miles: state waters**
- **Commission - forum for states**
- **Primary objective – cooperative management of interstate fisheries**





ASMFC and FVS

- **ASMFC manages under Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act**
 - **Silent on issue of FVS**
- **ASMFC Charter silent on FVS**
- **ASMFC management plans silent on FVS**



States and FVS

- **States implement FMPs through state regs**
- **Prerogative of states to consider FVS**
- **Attention to FVS varies among states**
 - **Tends to be event-driven**



Task Forces

- **Governor-convened Task Forces**
 - **Outreach and education**
- **Maine has Fisheries Safety Council**



Coordination

- **State Marine Patrols - CG interaction**
- **Promote and check safety gear**
- **Search and rescue**



Thank You

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