

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

April 27, 2026

Introduced by Sen. BOTTCHEr -- (at request of the Department of Environmental Conservation) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to extending the authority of the department of environmental conservation to manage winter flounder

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 13-0340-c of the environmental conservation law, as  
2 amended by chapter 321 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4 § 13-0340-c. Winter flounder (*Pleuorenetes americanus*).  
5 The department may, until December thirty-first, two thousand [~~twen-~~  
6 ~~ty-six~~] twenty-nine, fix by regulation measures for the management of  
7 winter flounder (*Pleuorenetes americanus*), including size limits, catch  
8 and possession limits, open and closed seasons, closed areas,  
9 restrictions on the manner of taking and landing, requirements for  
10 permits and eligibility therefor, recordkeeping requirements, require-  
11 ments on the amount and type of fishing effort and gear, and require-  
12 ments relating to transportation, possession and sale, provided that  
13 such regulations are no less restrictive than requirements set forth in  
14 this chapter and provided further that such regulations are consistent  
15 with the compliance requirements of applicable fishery management plans  
16 adopted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and with  
17 applicable provisions of fishery management plans adopted pursuant to  
18 the Federal Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. § 1800 et  
19 seq.).  
20 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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