§ 13-0340-d. Blackfish or tautog (Tautoga onitis).

1. The department may, until December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-eight, fix by regulation measures for the management of blackfish (Tautoga onitis), including size limits, catch and possession limits, open and closed seasons, closed areas, restrictions on the manner of taking and landing, requirements for permits and eligibility therefor, recordkeeping requirements, requirements on the amount and type of fishing effort and gear, and requirements relating to transportation, possession and sale, provided that such regulations are no less restrictive than requirements set forth in this chapter and provided further that such regulations are consistent with the compliance requirements of applicable fishery management plans adopted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and with applicable provisions of fishery management plans adopted pursuant to the Federal Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. § 1800 et seq.).

2. The commercial possession limit for blackfish (tautog) shall be 25 per trip per vessel.