

Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act

Agencies: U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Citation: [16 U.S.C. §§ 5151 et seq.](#)

Enacted as: the “Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act”, on October 31, 1984

Summary:

The [Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act \(the Act\)](#) is intended to support and encourage the development, implementation, and enforcement of effective interstate action for the conservation and management of the Atlantic striped bass. The Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act provides a vehicle for the Secretary of Commerce, in cooperation with the Secretary of the Interior, to support the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's striped bass management efforts. Such support could be shown in a multitude of ways, including the promulgation of federal regulations that are compatible with a Commission's Striped Bass Plan, or federal implementation of a fisheries moratorium under the Act.

The Act allows for a federal moratorium when a state does not implement and enforce a provision of the Commission's Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan. If the Commission finds non-compliance and refers that state to the Secretaries of Commerce and Interior, and if the Secretaries agree that those responsibilities are necessary to conserve the species in question, then the Secretaries must declare a moratorium on fishing in the fishery in question within the waters of the non-complying state.

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See also: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/state_federal/State-Federal-WEB/asbca.htm

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