

**POSSIBLE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS FOR STRIPED BASS**  
**Commercial Declaration of Intent**

The Striped Bass Industry Workgroup and the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission would like the department to remove the appeal process for licensees who miss the striped bass permit registration deadline.

Currently, a licensee must register for a striped bass permit to participate in a commercial striped bass fishery by September 15 of each year. Any permit that is not registered by the deadline is relinquished to the department and can be issued to another licensee. However, the regulation allows for a licensee who hasn't registered by September 15 to submit an appeal to the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission. The Commission makes recommendations for the appropriate action to the department. The Striped Bass Industry Workgroup and the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission would like to remove the appeal process. The industry believes strongly that it is not the role of advisory bodies to make licensing and permitting decisions. By removing the appeal process any striped bass permits not renewed by September 15 will be relinquished to the department for reissue.