

2014 Mid-Atlantic RSA Awards (2)

NA14NMF4540004 Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)

“Data Collection & Analysis in Support of Single & Multispecies Stock Assessments in the Mid-Atlantic & Southern New England: Northeast Area Monitoring & Assessment Program Near Shore Trawl Survey, 2014”

Research: \$1,105,620 Awarded: 01/14/14

Principal Investigators: Christopher Bonzek & Robert Latour

The NEAMAP Near Shore Trawl Survey is a fishery-independent survey designed to collect information on the late juvenile and adult stages of the majority of the finfish species (including RSA species summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, butterfish, and bluefish) and several of the invertebrate species (including Longfin squid) inhabiting the near shore waters of the Mid-Atlantic Bight (inshore of the 10fm contour), Block Island Sound, and Rhode Island Sound.

487,825 lbs. Summer Flounder
697,281 lbs. Scup
1,400,000 lbs. Longfin Squid
51,686 lbs. Black Sea Bass
99,000 lbs. Bluefish
99,800 lbs. Butterfish
250,000 lbs. Spiny Dogfish

NA14NMF4540005 Cockeye Fisheries, Inc

“Industry Based Survey on Black Sea Bass Utilizing Ventless Traps”

Research : \$319,174. Awarded: 01/14/14

Principal Investigator: Laura Skrobe, Captain Charles Borden, Najih Lazar, & Dr. Steven Cadrin

A fishery independent black sea bass survey of five separate hard bottom sites in Southern New England (SNE) and Mid-Atlantic waters is proposed. Unvented black sea bass pots will be fished on each site for five months running from June through October in SNE, and April through August in the Mid-Atlantic. Five commercial vessels will conduct the fieldwork and the University of Rhode Island (URI) and SMAST will oversee the project including administration, logistical support, and data analysis. Staff from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) Division of Fish and Wildlife, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (MADMF), New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NEDEP) Fish and Wildlife, New York State Department of Environmental (NYSDEC), and Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) will also collaborate on the project.

54,175 lbs. Summer Flounder
200,000 lbs. Scup
85,000 lbs. Black Sea Bass