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FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Chub Mackerel Amendment

HMS AP Meeting

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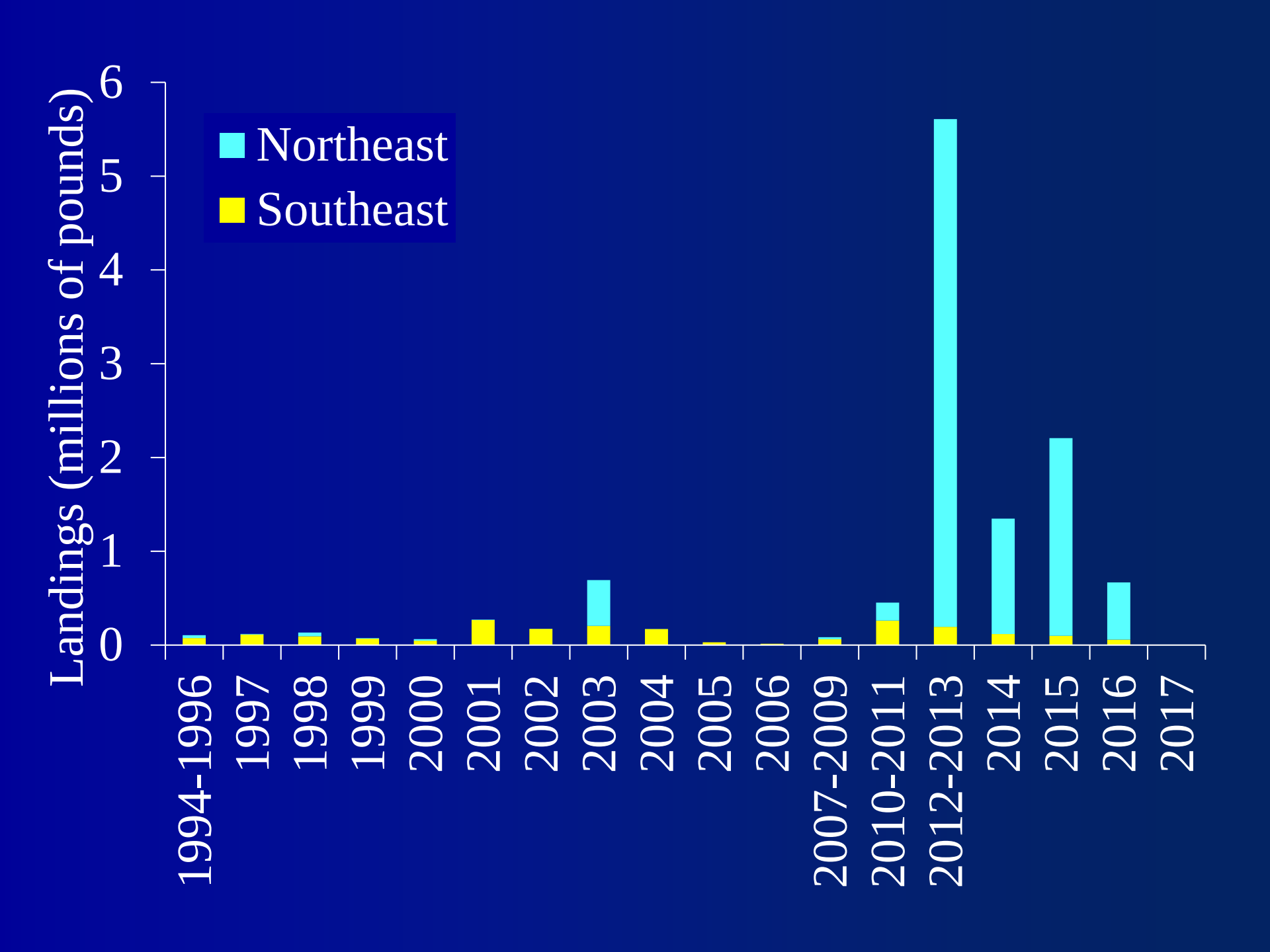
Photo: Alessandro Ducci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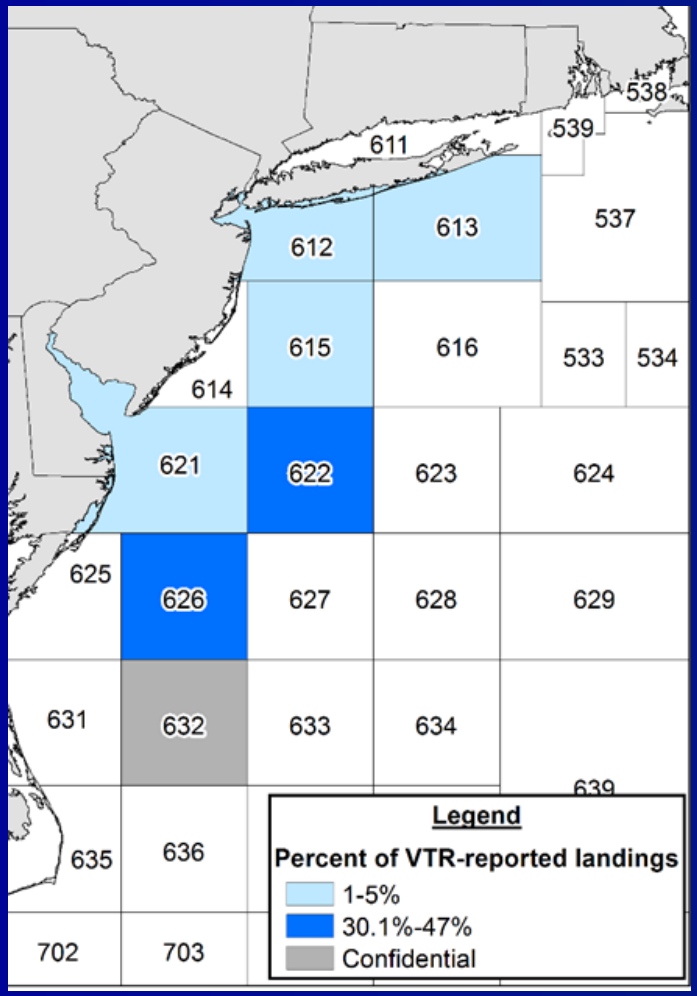

Yellowfin tuna (Clay Archambault)

Bigeye tuna (Seinen Chow)

White marlin (Peter Allinson)

Atlantic mackerel

Chub mackerel

Frigate mackerel/tuna

Bullet mackerel/tuna

Photos Atl. mackerel: Hans Hillewaert. Chub mackerel: Alessandro Duci. Bullet mackerel: Jack Randall. Frigate mackerel: Robertson & Van Tassell.

Commonly Confused Mackerel & Tuna Species

Atlantic mackerel, *Scomber scombrus*

- Other common names: tinker mackerel, Boston mackerel, common mackerel
- Up to 2 feet

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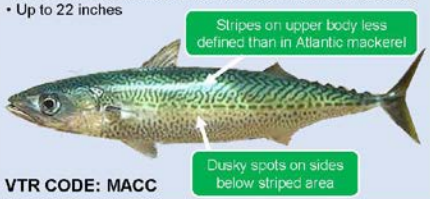
Chub mackerel, *Scomber colias*

- Other common names: tinker mackerel, hardhead, bullseye
- Up to 22 inches



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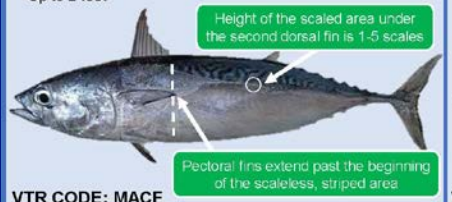
Frigate mackerel/tuna, *Auxis thazard*

- Up to 2 feet



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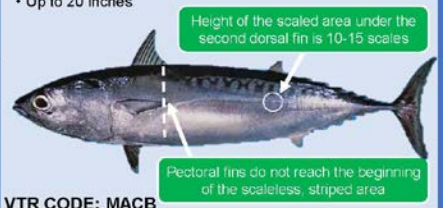
Bullet mackerel/tuna, *Auxis rochei*

- Up to 20 inches



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Atlantic bonito, *Sarda sarda*

- Up to 3.2 feet
- Body covered in scales; larger scales below striped area
- Sharp teeth

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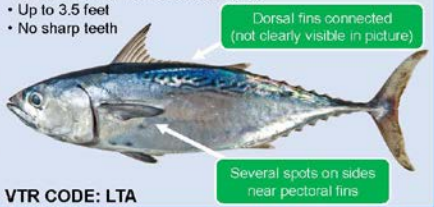
Little tunny, *Euthynnus alletteratus*

- Other common name: false albacore
- Up to 3.5 feet
- No sharp teeth



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Skipjack tuna, *Katsuwonus pelamis*

- Up to 3.8 feet
- No scales on upper striped area

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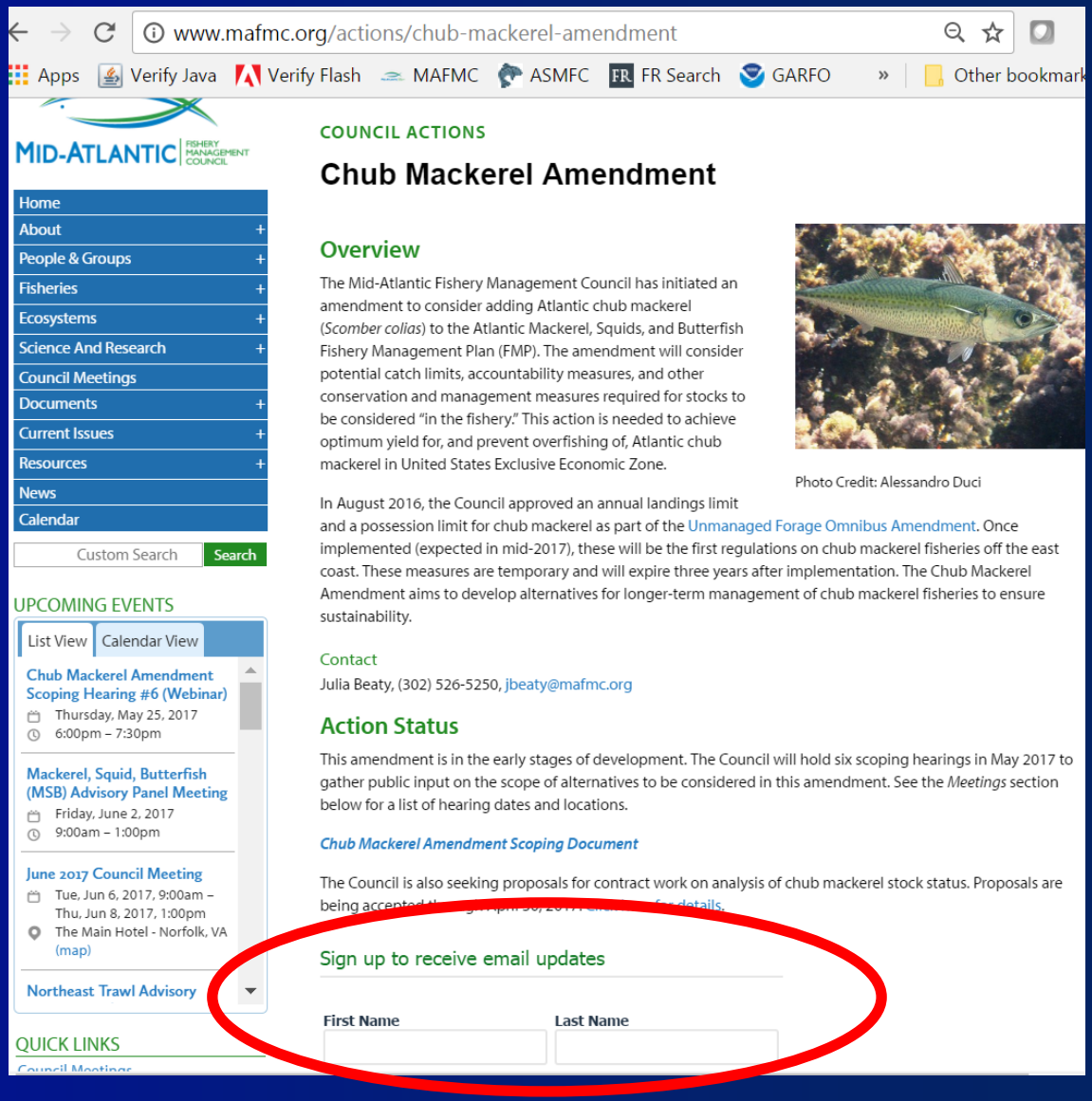
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