



DNREC Virtual Public Hearing

**7 DE Admin. Code 3560 Total Length
(Docket #2025-R-F-0005)**

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Background

- A definition of 'Total Length' was developed for the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Addendum III to Amendment 7 to the Atlantic Striped Bass Fisheries Management Plan, which was approved by ASMFC in October 2025 and is now a mandatory compliance measure for all states in the Striped Bass management unit
- Delaware currently uses Total Length to specify the minimum and/or maximum length for 10 fish species by regulation and 2 species by Code but Total Length is not defined for any of those species
- A clear definition of Total Length will improve enforceability of minimum and/or maximum Total Length for those species

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Proposed Regulation:

- This proposal will create a standalone definition of Total Length, which will apply to all species in 7 Delaware Administrative Code 3500 Tidal Finfish
- Unless otherwise defined in 3500 Tidal Finfish, Total Length (TL) means the greatest straight-line length in inches as measured on a fish from the anterior most tip of the jaw or snout to the farthest extremity of the tail with the upper and lower fork of the tail squeezed together.



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