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Why was NJ included in the title? Any reg changes proposed will affect the entire coast unless any particular states' regs are already more conservative than would be required to manage their fisheries. Likewise, a state could propose alternative regs as long as they met the standard of " conservation equivalency." NJ is a bad example anyway in that there is the nuance of a bonus tag that allows the harvest of an extra fish, which amounts to what would be NJ's commercial quota if a NJ commercial striper fishery existed. Add to this that the ASMFC striper Board has not seen a proposal yet, or it's explanation, and no proposal has yet been prepared for public response,, and you realize that this and other more lively internet message board debates on the topic are premature.